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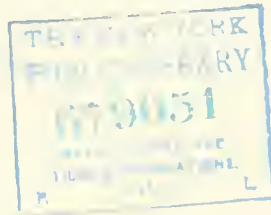
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## HON. FRANK Q. STUART.

Earnest, purposeful, recognizing ever the obligations and the duties as well as the opportunities and advantages of citizenship, Frank Q. Stuart of Chariton stands with the eminent men of Iowa who have labored persistently and effectively for the welfare of state and nation. A member of the bar, he brings to bear upon the questions of vital interest to the country the analytical power and logical reasoning of the lawyer. His utterances indicate a mind trained in the severest school of reasoning and it is a recognized fact that policy never sways him in his position, which is the outcome of an earnest belief in the cause which he advocates.

Iowa is proud to number Mr. Stuart among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Monroe county on the 24th of January, 1856. He acquired a high-school education and afterward studied under special instructors for several years. In fact, throughout his entire life he has been a student—of books, of men, of events—and in the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons. In early life he took up the study of telegraphy and was employed as an operator until 1874. He regarded this merely as an initial step to higher things, and, taking up the study of law, was admitted to the bar in the year in which he attained his majority. He then entered upon active practice, in which he has since been engaged save for intervals spent in editorial work and upon the public platform. Along with those qualities indispensable to the lawyer—a keen, rapid, logical mind plus the business sense, and a ready capacity for hard work—he brought to the starting point of his legal career certain rare gifts—eloquence of language and a strong personality. He has ever been remarkable among lawyers for the wide research and provident care with which he prepares his cases. In no instance has his reading ever been confined to the limitations of the question at issue; it has gone beyond and compassed every contingency and provided not alone for the expected, but for the unexpected, which happens in the courts quite as frequently as out of them. His logical grasp of facts and principles of the law applicable to them has been another potent element in his success; and a remarkable clearness of expression, an adequate and precise diction, which enables him to make others understand not only the salient points of his argument, but his every fine gradation of meaning, may be accounted one of his most conspicuous gifts and accomplishments.

Mr. Stuart was married in Chariton, Iowa, September 14, 1876, to Miss Ida M. Penick, and they have two children living. Martha was married in 1906 to William F. Jackson, of Lake Forest and Chicago, Illinois, and they have two

children: Virginia Stuart, born in 1908; and Barbara Jackson, born in 1912. Adelbert, the only son of our subject, was born in 1885.

Mr. Stuart was for some years a resident of Colorado and served as a member of its legislature from 1885 until 1887, during which period he introduced and secured the enactment of nine bills into laws, among which was a law preventing non-resident alien ownership of land in that state, a law prohibiting the contracting of convict labor, and a law prohibiting the blacklisting of discharged employes. He also actively supported a proposed law for the regulation of railway rates and charges, which was passed by the house, but was defeated in the senate.

In the year of his retirement from the Colorado assembly Mr. Stuart published a brochure, entitled: "Natural Rights, Natural Liberty and Natural Law." Commenting upon this, one of the daily papers of Denver said: "Mr. Stuart's statement of the social problem and the land question is the clearest, most concise, most dispassionate and altogether the ablest we have seen, and we commend it to the thinkers of the country." A Cleveland (Ohio) paper wrote editorially: "The author states the points of his case without ambiguity of language, and his argument is clear, logical and comprehensive. \* \* \* It is eminently worthy of the careful perusal of all students of the social problems of the day."

In 1891 Mr. Stuart returned to Chariton, Iowa, and almost immediately afterward was elected mayor of the town, but soon resigned that position to become editor of the Des Moines Daily Leader, which he made one of the leading newspapers of the country in the discussion of social, economic and governmental subjects. His editorials were widely read by deep thinking men. It is well known that Mr. Stuart has always opposed monopoly, special privilege and legalized injustice in all their various forms and guises. He has agitated questions connected therewith in arousing public sentiment to the enormity of prevailing social, economic and industrial wrongs, and all of his public efforts, whether as speaker, writer or political worker, have been in the direct interest of social, economic and political reform. He has often been heard on the lecture platform and his oratory has enabled him to sway his hearers, while his logic has carried conviction.

It is well known that Mr. Stuart's position has never been an equivocal one. He stands fearlessly for what he believes to be right and nothing can swerve him from a course which his judgment sanctions as honorable and straightforward in the relations of man with man and in the duties of citizenship. This has been particularly notable in his recent espousal of the principles of the progressive party, in which connection a contemporary writer said: "Prior to the campaign of 1912, Mr. Stuart had for many years been affiliated with the democratic party, and at different times he was signally honored by that party. In 1891 he was the democratic candidate for congress in the 'Big Eighth' district of Iowa. In the state campaign of 1897 he was in charge of the democratic press bureau of Iowa. In 1898 he was the temporary chairman of the democratic state convention, making the keynote speech—which speech drew from Governor John P. Altgeld of Illinois the encomium, 'It has a tremendous ring,' and caused Leslie M. Shaw, then republican candidate for governor of Iowa and afterwards secretary of the treasury of the United States, to class Mr. Stuart as one of the foremost political orators of the time." During the presidential campaign of 1900 Mr. Stuart was official editor to the executive committee of the democratic national committee at headquarters in Chicago. In 1902 he was acting chairman of the democratic

state committee of Iowa during the campaign of that year. In 1907 (for a time residing in the south) he was appointed as a delegate from Louisiana to the national conference which was held at Des Moines on the subject of election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. In 1910, having returned to Iowa, he for a second time was nominated for congressman from the eighth Iowa district, making a splendid race against a large opposition majority. In promoting his candidacy in that campaign his home friends issued the following statement, signed by the treasurer, auditor, clerk of district court and county attorney of his home county: 'We know of no man who has fought so aggressively against all forms of trusts, more earnestly for an honest reduction of the tariff, so constantly for conservation, or so untiringly for honesty in government. He has sacrificed more time and more labor battling for the equal rights of all mankind than any man of our acquaintance. In him as congressman the people will have one who is safe and fair in all things, frank and honest in every way, able and courageous in every battle.' While for years Mr. Stuart supported the democratic party when it was hopelessly in the minority in his home state, and nationally—that party appearing to him to afford greater latitude than the dominant party for the free discussion of social, economic and governmental problems—in 1912, at a time when the democratic prospects were brighter than they had been in twenty years, he severed his connection with that party, resigning the eighth district vice presidency of the Iowa State Jefferson Club and other honorary positions, and came out promptly in support of the great declaration of principles promulgated by the progressive party in national convention at Chicago." Mr. Stuart entered aggressively into the campaign and his ability as a speaker led to his cooperation being sought not only throughout Iowa, but in many other states, and he contributed much to the success which his party won in the campaign of that year. His utterances make strong appeal because of their clearness and simplicity of style to the average hearer; they leave an equally strong impress upon the mind of the logical thinker who readily sees the relation between cause and effect. The breadth of his own nature and of his vision are manifest in all that he says, and the record of Frank Q. Stuart, lawyer, orator and publicist, is one which reflects credit and honor alike upon the state of his nativity.

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#### CLARENCE S. HUMESTON.

The Humeston family is so well known in Wayne county that Clarence S. Humeston needs no introduction to the readers of this volume. He is at present in partnership with his father in the conduct of a profitable grain and coal business in the city which bears the family name and is numbered among the most able, progressive and representative men of the community. He is numbered among Humeston's native sons and was born in the second house built in the town, June 22, 1877. He is a son of Alva and Annie E. (Brown) Humeston, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work. He grew to manhood here and after completing his education in the public schools obtained employment in the office of the Humeston New Era, in which he worked for



some time. Throughout practically all his active career he has been associated with his father, serving from 1893 to 1897 as assistant postmaster, while Alva Humeston was postmaster. In 1898 he was made assistant to his father in the conduct of a grain and coal business and acted in this capacity for one year, after which he interrupted his business career in order to pursue his studies in college at Dixon, Illinois. In 1901 he was made a partner in his father's concern and has remained a member of the firm since that time. He is a capable business man, readily determining the outcome of any transaction and delighting in battling with complex business problems. Moreover, he has placed his dependence upon energy and perseverance and has as a result gained at an early age prominence and prosperity.

On the 21st of September, 1898, Clarence S. Humeston was united in marriage to Miss Ludeen Frisbie, who was born in Davis City, Iowa, January 6, 1876, a daughter of John R. and Rose (Price) Frisbie, the former of whom has passed away. He was among the early settlers in Iowa and while conducting a store at Davis City was robbed by the famous James brothers' gang. Mrs. Humeston's mother was born in St. Louis and was a resident of Nauvoo, Illinois, at the time of the Mormon expulsion. She can vividly recall the events of that exciting time. At present she is residing at Kellerton, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Frisbie became the parents of eight children, William, Walter, Richard, Frank, Mrs. Ida Burnizer, Mrs. Humeston, Mrs. Blanche Dorsey and Mrs. Winona Graves. Mr. and Mrs. Humeston have become the parents of a daughter, Alice Louise. They reside in a modern and well furnished home in Humeston and are among the most prominent people in social circles of the city.

Clarence S. Humeston is a member of the Christian church and fraternally is affiliated with Fidelity Lodge, No. 228, A. F. & A. M. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he has held some important public offices, including those of city clerk of Humeston and deputy postmaster. He is a worthy representative of his name, which has long been known and honored in this section, and his life, which has been one of continuous and well directed activity, is as a result successful and happy.

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#### NORMAN F. BAKER.

The financial and business history of Lucas county would be incomplete were there failure to make mention of Norman F. Baker, banker and merchant and a progressive and public-spirited citizen. He is at present cashier of the Farmers & Miners Bank of Lucas, an institution established by his father, and he has made his influence felt in the development and conservation of banking interests in this part of the state. He was born in Chariton, Iowa, June 10, 1879, a son of J. C. and Martha (Steffy) Baker, the former a native of Brown county, Indiana, and the latter of Burlington, Iowa, where her birth occurred December 26, 1816. The father was one of the early settlers in the town of Lucas and from the time of its organization was a force in development, giving his influence and aid to the promotion of many progressive public movements and

establishing and building up many of its finest business institutions, among which may be mentioned the Farmers & Miners Bank, which he organized in 1886. He died in this city in 1901 and his widow survives him and is residing in Lucas. She has been a resident of Iowa since her birth and was two days old when the state was admitted into the Union. In this family were five children: Albert L., who resides in Montana; Norman F., of this review; Laura G., who is assistant cashier of the Farmers & Miners Bank of Lucas; J. C., Jr., a former attorney of Lucas, who died in 1906; and Blanche, who is residing with her mother.

The common schools of Lucas afforded Norman F. Baker his educational opportunities, but he has carried forward his own studies since that time, being an apt pupil in the school of experience. Since 1886 he has been connected with the affairs of the Farmers & Miners Bank, established in that year, an institution of which he is now cashier. A financier of shrewd and resourceful ability, he has by the application of sound and progressive methods made the concern grow and expand so that it is now not only the oldest bank in the county but also one of the substantial and prosperous financial concerns of the state. Mr. Baker is progressive and modern in all that he does and his spirit of enterprise is evidenced by the fact that he will allow in the bank only the newest equipment, having recently installed a new burglar proof manganese safe, of the Victor patent, one of the first to be introduced in southern Iowa. In addition to his banking interests Mr. Baker owns also a profitable general merchandise store in Lucas and two good farms in Jackson township, each of which is provided with an excellent set of improvements. Following his father's footsteps, he has ever taken an active part in the development of Lucas, centering a great deal of his attention upon its growth along business lines and making his individual prosperity a factor in general expansion.

Mr. Baker married, in October, 1896, Miss Margaret Beatty, born in Wapello county, Iowa, June 4, 1874. She is a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Hart) Beatty, the former born in Dubuque in 1848 and the latter near Sheldon, Iowa, December 25, 1852. When Mrs. Baker was two years of age her parents removed to Lucas county, where both died, the father passing away in 1880 and the mother in April, 1900. In their family were five children: Mrs. Ella Jones, the wife of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway agent at Indianola, Iowa; Mrs. Baker; James, who is engaged in the mercantile business in Ottumwa; Mrs. Mary Warner, whose husband is also a merchant in Albia, Iowa; and Susan, the wife of Arthur Knotts, interested in mining in old Mexico. The two eldest children in this family are natives of Wapello county, the three younger ones having been born in Lucas county. The family has been in Iowa since pioneer times, Mrs. Baker's grandparents having been among the earliest settlers in Dubuque county. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have two sons: Norman F., Jr., born December 29, 1897, now a student in the public schools; and Gerald J., whose birth occurred April 19, 1900, and who is also pursuing his studies. Mrs. Baker is a member of the Catholic church of Chariton.

Until 1912 Norman F. Baker was identified with the democratic party and was one of the most active workers in its ranks, taking a deep interest in local affairs and proving his public spirit by official service. He held on the democratic

ticket almost all of the town and township offices and was democratic candidate for state representative. When the progressive party was formed, however, he allied his interests with it and in 1912 was its candidate for the office of state treasurer of Iowa. He has extensive fraternal connections, being a member of Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 414, A. F. & A. M., of Lucas; the Royal Arch Masons at Chariton; and Emmanuel Commandery, No. 50, K. T., of the same place. He is identified also with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeomen. He has held all the offices in the Masonic lodge and is at present treasurer. In all the lines of activity which claim his attention Mr. Baker has followed progressive, constructive and modern methods and in the development of his business interests, which are capably conducted, has proven himself a reliable, resourceful and far sighted business man. He possesses the elements of capacity and character that contribute largely toward success—elements of perseverance, self-reliance and good judgment. He is now one of the leading men of his region, and judging from his present success, the future will hold even greater victories and more substantial prosperity.

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#### JOHN W. FREELAND.

An honest man, of high principles, of noble purposes, of kindly action and generous deeds, taking no especial credit to himself and in fact maintaining always a modest demeanor and an unassuming disposition, John W. Freeland left the impress of his individuality for good upon the history of the county in which he lived for more than half a century and the consensus of public opinion names him as one of its most honored and valued citizens. For many years he was actively engaged in the practice of law and was also prominent in the banking circles of the county, being one of the organizers and president of the Wayne County Bank.

Mr. Freeland was born in Owen county, Indiana, August 28, 1840, and became a resident of Wayne county, Iowa, when a youth of seventeen years. It was his purpose to enter upon the study of law here in the office of W. E. Taylor, then a distinguished member of the Wayne county bar. He continued his reading for a few years and was then admitted to practice by the Hon. J. S. Townsend, who at that time was presiding judge. Immediately afterward he entered into partnership with his former preceptor under the firm style of Taylor & Freeland, which firm continued actively in practice until after the outbreak of the Civil war. Mr. Freeland continued the practice of law with various partners until about four years prior to his death, his active connection with the Wayne county bar covering almost a half century. Following the dissolution of his partnership with Mr. Taylor he was later associated successively in practice with J. N. McManahan, E. E. Clark, Lewis Miles, H. K. Evans and H. H. Carter. He came to the starting point of his legal career well qualified through natural ability and his broad study for the onerous duties of the profession and he prepared his cases with great thoroughness and skill. He had been in practice for but a comparatively brief period when he was elected county judge and remained upon the bench





JOHN W. FREELAND



for one term. He more greatly enjoyed, however, the active work of the lawyer and was ever a close student of his profession. As a result of his strong legal mind, sound judgment, cool deliberation and clear reasoning powers he reached a position at the head of the Wayne county bar.

In January, 1862, Mr. Freeland was united in marriage to Miss Belle Kelley, a daughter of B. H. Kelley, a prominent citizen of Corydon. The great grief of his life came to him in the death of his wife at Corydon on the 24th of April, 1903. They were the parents of three children, Mrs. J. S. Garrett, Mrs. Frank B. Selby and Mrs. F. M. West. The family have ever occupied a leading position in social circles—those circles in which intelligence and personal worth are accepted as the passports to good society. Mr. Freeland made for himself a prominent position and yet there was nothing self-assertive about him. In fact he was unostentatious and unassuming in manner, but his genuine personal worth received recognition. He was but a boy in years when he arrived in Corydon, which then contained a population of less than one hundred. Through the ensuing half century or more he took an active and helpful part in all that pertained to the welfare and advancement of the town and county.

In 1873 Mr. Freeland became associated with E. E. Clark, now president of the Bankers Life Association, in the ownership and conduct of a bank. They purchased the bank of Ocoboek Brothers and under the style of Freeland & Clark continued the business until August, 1874. Mr. Freeland was then largely instrumental in organizing the Wayne County Bank, which took over the business of Freeland & Clark, and four years after its organization he became president and so continued until his death, remaining active in its management and control to the last.

He never regarded politics as something unworthy his attention. He always recognized the duties and obligations as well as privileges of citizenship and he never failed to give honest expression to his opinions. He was a stalwart advocate of democratic principles and from 1865 until 1895 was the recognized leader of his party in Wayne county, largely directing and shaping its course and influencing the choice of its candidates. He never sought nor desired office for himself but strove earnestly to place in public positions men capable and worthy of the honor conferred upon them. Mr. Freeland was recognized as a man of wide general information, resulting from his broad reading, his earnest study and deep thinking. He frequently made addresses before the Corydon Friday Club which were listened to with much interest. Few laymen have so comprehensive and accurate a knowledge of geology and he had gathered from many parts of the United States a large collection of geological specimens.

Perhaps personal characteristics of Mr. Freeland may best be given in the words of a friend, who, following his death, which occurred April 27, 1912, wrote of him: "He was ever and always a courteous and pleasant gentleman. He was highly honorable and was a man of strictest integrity. He was an honest man, and well has it been said that 'an honest man is the noblest work of God.' While he was ever courteous, yet he was always open, plain and frank in conduct and speech. He never pretended to be otherwise than what he really was. He hated and despised sham and hypoe-

rising. He was an exceedingly kind, loving and affectionate husband and father. His home life was very happy and was the most pleasant, the purest and the best. In his death his children and grandchildren have suffered an irreparable loss. He was always reticent in regard to religious questions and never said anything publicly on those matters. Whatever he may have said in relation to religion and a future life, if anything, was only to his most intimate friends. But, whatever his views may have been as to these matters, all who knew him and his life know that he lived an honest, upright and goodly life. That life shows that his heart, his intentions, his motives and purposes were strictly in line with rectitude and a clean, elevated and conscientious spirit." Another said: "He was not an old man. People of his temperament never grow old. He enjoyed company and was a genial companion to both aged and young. He was quiet, unassuming and very unselfish, yet his life was a material benefit to all, especially the young man, struggling for a start, to whom he was always a friend indeed. Words fail us to portray the good qualities of this friend whom we enjoyed as a near neighbor for over thirty years. Our children grew up together and mingled as one family through all those years, making our relations as near and dear as it was possible to be. During all those years we knew him as a neighbor, as a man and as a friend who could be relied upon under any and all circumstances. During all that time we never knew him to commit a selfish act or do an unmanly deed. He was not a man of words, but of deeds, and his many acts of kindness will live in memory long after his passing away. Though his outward demeanor was quiet, yet beneath his exterior he had a heart as true as steel and as firm as adamant to what he believed to be right. Mr. Freeland was a friend to everyone, but especially was he fond of children and in the sunset of his life there was no greater pleasure to him than to contribute to the pleasure of his grandchildren, who especially adored him."

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#### DAVID H. KERBY.

David H. Kerby, who in 1912 was called upon to serve as mayor of Seymour and who in the short time since his election has brought about a number of remedial measures of great importance to the well-being and growth of the community, is one of the foremost lawyers of the city. His tireless energy, industry and knowledge have gained for him the substantial reward which he finds in his extensive practice and in recognition by his fellow citizens as one of the men of affairs in this district.

David H. Kerby is a native of Iowa, in which state he was born in Appanoose county, May 28, 1855, and is a son of Samuel and Mary F. (Pearey) Kerby. The father was born in Randolph county, Missouri, in 1827, and was a son of David Kerby, of Kentucky, who was of English descent. At the time when the family was established in the United States four Kerby brothers came from the motherland to Virginia in colonial days and from these four Kerby brothers all the members of the American Kerby family are descended. The grandfather of our subject, David Kerby, came from Kentucky to Missouri in the early

history of that state, about 1824. He was a true type of a pioneer and a versatile man, practiced and accomplished in various professions and trades. For seventeen years he was active as a hunter and wagon maker and his services as such were in great demand in the pioneer districts in which he resided; but he was also a man of learning and combined with his pursuits the practice of medicine, while at times when there was no minister to spread the gospel he would tend to the ministration of souls as a preacher. He was married three times and became the father of a large family, members of which are found today in many states of the Union. There were born to him twenty-six children, nine daughters and seventeen sons, all of whom grew up to be useful citizens in the sections in which they resided, the youngest son dying shortly after he had reached his majority. David Kerby was a man not only accomplished and well read but of extraordinary physique, his strength and good health remaining with him until he attained an advanced age. He often took pleasure in recounting an incident from his youthful days illustrating his physical power, when he used to climb the trees to suspend from their branches the deer killed on the hunt to save it from attacks of the wolves, carrying the body in his teeth.

Ewing Kerby, an uncle of our subject, was the first white man to build a cabin in Appanoose county, Iowa, and his daughter was the first white child born in this county. Another cousin of our subject, Elizabeth Daily Stephens, was the second white child born in Appanoose county. Samuel Kerby, the father of our subject, followed agricultural pursuits during his life and came to Iowa before the Civil war. In this great conflict he served for twelve months with the state militia and after being discharged returned to Missouri, where he subsequently followed farming for the rest of his life and passed away in Schuyler county, that state, on the 10th of March, 1908. Although he had hardly enjoyed any school privileges, he educated himself by profound and wide reading and as he was a great student not only of books but also of conditions as they existed and people as they were, he became a great judge of human nature. He was familiar with the books of the best thinkers the world has produced and took delight in studying such profound men as Demosthenes, Ingersoll, Talmage and many others. Naturally his judgment was often referred to by his fellowmen, who greatly esteemed him for his profound knowledge and depended upon his decisions as final in such controversies as would arise from time to time. His religion was that of the Methodist church and his political views inclined towards the republican party, in the ranks of which he was active, although he never sought office as a reward for party fealty. He brought to all public matters that high-minded interest which it is the privilege and duty of every citizen to take who is concerned in the welfare and future of this great nation.

The mother of our subject, Mrs. Mary F. (Pearey) Kerby, was a daughter of Henry and Millie (Collier) Pearey, of Kentucky. The parents removed from the Blue Grass state to Missouri during the pioneer times of 1830 and made settlement in Carter county. Later they removed to Jasper county, where Mr. Pearey settled upon a squatter's claim which today constitutes a part of the thriving city of Carthage, Missouri. Later he removed to the northern part of Missouri, where he lived until his demise. In 1849 when the gold finds of California attracted the attention of the world, he made his way to that far-off

country, where he remained in search of the precious metal, and again in 1859 we find him in the Pike's Peak country, where he prospected in search of a fortune. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kerby were the parents of eleven children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are: Millie A., who married C. B. Webb, a resident of Colorado, and has seven children, one of whom is deceased; Martha E., who is the wife of Butler Porter, resides in Missouri and has six children; David H., of this review; Mary S., who married R. Alexander, since deceased, and is the mother of eight children, making her home in Missouri; Sarah F., who married James Graves, by whom she has ten children, five of whom are engaged in school teaching, and who makes her home in Schuyler county, Missouri; Benjamin L., who resides in Schuyler county, Missouri, and has attained prosperity as a farmer and trader there and has seven children; Emma B., who married Ed Porter, by whom she has two children, and resides in Schuyler county, Missouri; Samuel L., who makes his home with his mother on the old home place; and Laura M., the wife of Samuel B. Shumate, by whom she has two children, a resident of Schuyler county, Missouri. The mother of Edward Porter, brother-in-law of our subject, is still living and in good health at the age of ninety-five years. She was the first woman in the state of Ohio to draw a salary as a school teacher. Mrs. Samuel Kerby is still active and looks after her own work in the household at the age of eighty-three. Her interest in present day occurrences has not in the least abated and she has the esteem and friendship of many who have had the honor of her acquaintance.

David H. Kerby was reared at home and during his youthful days made himself useful upon his father's farm. He received his education in the common schools of Missouri and Iowa and after having completed his education taught school, reading law at the same time. Out of three years he taught thirty-three months, attended two courses of one month each at a normal school and read law, so he was able to complete his course in that time and was admitted to the bar in 1883. This extraordinary accomplishment stands as irrefutable proof of his iron will and of his energy in attaining his ambition and will always redound to his credit. In the spring of 1884 he began the practice of law in Seymour, Iowa, and has since been engaged in the pursuit of his profession in that city, with the exception of two years which he spent in Kansas and two in which he practiced in Sioux City, Iowa. He is a man marked by strength of character and in the course of his career has won the high regard and confidence of his clients and colleagues in the profession. He has won favorable criticism for himself for the careful and systematic methods which he follows in preparing his cases. He has a remarkable power of concentration and application, and his retentive memory has often excited the wonder of other lawyers. He stands high in the discussion of legal matters before the court, where his comprehensive knowledge of the law stands him in good stead, and by the application of legal principles he demonstrates the wide scope of his professional attainments. He occupies an enviable position at the Wayne county bar and in the presentation of his cases is so clear, forceful and concise that he seldom fails to carry the verdict he desires. Naturally the circle of his clients has expanded year by year as his attainments have increased and as his reputation has grown, and today he is regarded as one of the foremost men of the bar in these parts of the state. He is entirely free from ostentation and carries most of his cases

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to success by the simple weight of his character and the clear demonstration of the legal points in litigation, and he has been carried to the eminent position which he now occupies in the life of the community by a laudable ambition which has permeated his whole life's course and has carried him forward to success and prosperity.

In April, 1883, David H. Kerby married Miss Anna Loomis, a daughter of William and Mary (Klinkingbeard) Loomis, the former a native of New York who became one of the early settlers of Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Kerby have one daughter, Mary E., who was born in Seymour in 1884, and in 1909 married Dr. Edwin Burehett, a resident of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Kerby are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

David H. Kerby has, ever since he became a resident of Seymour, been connected with the growth and welfare of the community. He has been not only an interested witness of the changes that the times have brought about, but he has been a helpful and cooperant factor in the general advancement of this section. His activities in many ways have been constructive in the development of the locality and everything he has been called upon to do in the interests of the general public he has done well. His political views are those of the democratic party and he has always taken an active interest in spreading the doctrines and principles of this great organization, and his voice in its local councils is often heeded and always respectfully listened to. In 1912 his fellow citizens honored him with election to the highest office in their gift—the mayor's chair—and in the few months since he has taken up the reins of the city government he has demonstrated his energy and his term of administration promises to be one of greatest benefit to the healthful growth of the community. His fraternal relations are confined to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the local lodge of which he has held all of the chairs. David H. Kerby is a successful man in the truest sense of the word, a man unusually broad-minded and intelligent, tolerant and with wide experience. Never mercenary or grasping and always believing in something greater than mere material wealth, he has in the course of his life, which he has spent simply and unostentatiously, become a factor for good in his community in almost every phase of endeavor. Quick to discriminate between the essential and non-essential not only in matters of law, but also in public affairs, his varied activities redound to his own credit and to his individual success, while they have been for the benefit of the community as well.

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#### GEORGE ELMORE.

George Elmore, now living retired in Seymour, has had a long and active business career characterized by many changes in occupation and location, all of which have materially advanced his interests. From 1890 to 1903 he was in the coal mining business in this city and by years of earnest and well directed work earned the retirement he is now enjoying. He was born in New York, April 22, 1846, and is a son of Daniel and Helena (Yager) Elmore, both natives of that state, the former of English descent and the latter of German lineage. The father of our subject was a Methodist minister and was also active at carpen-

tering. He and his wife became the parents of eight children: Mary J. and M. P., both of whom have passed away; Juliet M., a resident of Lodi, New York; Carrie, deceased; Sylvester; Celestia, whose home is in the state of New York; F. L. Day, who was killed in the Civil war; and George, of this review.

George Elmore acquired his education in New York, where he attended an academy, and after laying aside his books he left home and clerked in a grocery store in Illinois for some time. Later he spent one year traveling for a nursery concern, but finally returned to New York and resumed his studies. In 1866 he came west, locating in Wyoming, where he obtained employment with the Wyoming Coal Company, acting for about four years as superintendent of mines. In 1869 he went east on a visit and remained in New York until April of the following year, when he went to Clinton, Iowa, and there established himself in the retail wood, coal and ice business. At the expiration of four years he went to British Columbia and was successful as a fur trader until 1890. This period of his life was extremely interesting, as during the time he traveled over the greater part of northern Canada, journeying on the Fraser river almost to its source in search of furs. During that time he opened a trading post and this was so signally successful that he gave his entire attention to the business, establishing posts at various points. He was in partnership with his brother, M. P. Elmore, and together they secured a gratifying patronage, becoming successful and well known as reliable fur traders. In 1890 Mr. Elmore returned to Iowa, settling in Seymour, where, with his brother, M. P. Elmore, and R. H. Armstrong, he purchased the Sunshine coal mine, which he operated until 1903, when they disposed of the enterprise and Mr. Elmore retired.

In 1874 Mr. Elmore married Miss Luella Maple, a daughter of Henry and Maria Maple, of Illinois, the former of whom passed away when Mrs. Elmore was still a child. Mr. Elmore gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is public-spirited and progressive in his citizenship. In 1896 his fellow citizens called upon him to accept the office of mayor and he did such able, progressive, straightforward and businesslike work that in 1908 he was again chosen to the office. He is a man of marked intelligence and great force of character, whose natural ability makes him an ideal leader of public thought and opinion.

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#### OSBORN BRADLEE COBB.

Osborn Bradlee Cobb, cashier of the Allerton State Bank, for many years gave his exclusive attention to agricultural pursuits, with which he is still engaged, being the owner of a highly cultivated and well improved farm of two hundred and thirty acres, located in the vicinity of Allerton. A native of New Hampshire, his birth occurred at Hart's Location, Carroll county, that state, on May 11, 1859, his parents being Samuel F. and Harriet (Bradlee) Cobb. The father was a native of Maine and the mother of Massachusetts, but they were married in the last named state, whence they subsequently removed to New Hampshire, settling at Hart's Location. There Samuel F. Cobb engaged in farming until 1869, when he disposed of his interests and removed to Iowa with

his family. He came direct to Wayne county and bought eighty acres of prairie land, in the cultivation of which he met with such success that he was later able to increase his holdings by the purchase of adjoining tracts, until his farm contained two hundred acres. The further improvement and cultivation of his place engaged his attention until his death, which occurred in March, 1901, at the age of sixty-seven years. The mother, who is in her eighty-second year, now makes her home in Allerton. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Cobb numbered six, three sons and three daughters, of whom our subject is the eldest.

Osborn Bradlee Cobb, who was a lad of ten years when he came to Iowa with his father's family, was reared at home and educated in the public schools. He remained at home and assisted in the cultivation of the farm until he had attained his majority. The day after he was twenty-one he left the parental roof and went to working for wages. The next winter he attended school and in the spring he began farming for himself as a renter. By the practice of diligence and thrift during the succeeding two years, teaching school in the winter and farming in the summer, he managed to save enough to enable him to purchase eighty acres of land, which formed the nucleus of his present valuable farm. He worked tirelessly, early and late, and as the years passed added to the value of his place by the introduction of various improvements, and as his circumstances permitted increased his acreage. His land, which has a natural drainage, is all under cultivation and through careful tilling and intelligent rotation of crops has been brought into a high state of productivity. His principal crops are hay and such cereals as can be used in the feeding of stock, as in connection with his diversified farming he is raising horses, cattle and hogs and does some feeding for the market. His horses, of which he has twenty head, are Percherons, while his hogs are thoroughbred Chester Whites. His cattle are high-grade Durhams, a bull and several of the cows in his herd being registered. The entire place is fenced with barbed and woven wire and it is equipped with everything needed by the agriculturist, including many modern conveniences and labor-saving appliances not found on the average farm. All of the buildings now in use on the place have been erected during the ownership of Mr. Cobb. His residence, an attractive two-story and basement structure, contains nine rooms with ample closets and pantries. Practical in design and convenient in arrangement, it is well adapted to meet all the needs of the family. It was erected in 1901 and is thoroughly modern in every respect, being provided with a lighting system and furnace heat. At a convenient distance from the house are located the barns, one of which is thirty-six by forty-six feet and the other forty by forty-eight feet, and the various sheds and outbuildings necessary for the protection of the stock and grain. The water supply for all purposes is provided by bored wells and a spring in the pasture. Everything about the place manifests competent supervision from the appearance of the fields to the condition of the stock and the well repaired buildings. Although his duties as cashier occupy the greater part of his time, Mr. Cobb directs and plans the work of the farm, in the operation of which he is assisted by his sons.

On the 2d of September, 1886, Mr. Cobb was married to Miss Myrta Kilbourn, a daughter of John and Amy (Loomis) Kilbourn, natives of Connecticut. They came west in early life, settling in Portage county, Ohio. There the grandfather took up some land as did also her father. The parents passed the

remainder of their lives on the old homestead, which is now in the possession of Charles Kilbourn, their son. Mrs. Cobb was born on the 30th of March, 1861, and is the second in order of birth in a family of three. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Cobb, as follows: Itasca, who died at the age of eight months; Arlo B., who was born on the 5th of January, 1889, and was graduated from the Allerton high school with the class of 1909, following which he took a course in the Capital City Commercial College at Des Moines; Olra A., who was born on the 4th of November, 1891, and was graduated from the Allerton high school with the class of 1913; Rola R., whose birth occurred on November 25, 1893, a high school student; Lora M., who was born on the 6th of July, 1897, also attending high school; and Laro F., whose natal day was the 13th of September, 1901, in grammar school.

In matters of citizenship Mr. Cobb is public-spirited, taking an active interest in all movements affecting the general welfare or progress of the community. He is one of the active members of the Wayne County Farmers' Institute, and was president of this organization for two years, while for several years he was president of the Allerton Chautauqua Association. His political support he gives to the republican party and cast his first vote for President Garfield. He has served with efficiency in various local offices, having been trustee or clerk of Warren township for sixteen years, while for four he was a member of the school board. Mr. Cobb is a man of good judgment and keen discernment in matters of business and has met with more than average success in the development of his interests. He holds stock in various local enterprises and is numbered among the representative citizens of the town. Progressive in his ideas, trustworthy in his business methods and honorable and upright in his private life, Mr. Cobb is accorded the confidence and esteem of a large circle of acquaintances and is considered by those who know him a worthy representative of one of the county's honored pioneer families.

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#### CLINTON D. SMITH.

One of the most successful men of Washington township and even of Lucas county, is Clinton D. Smith, who with few interruptions has made his home in the aforementioned township since 1864. Along various lines prosperity has come to Mr. Smith, for he is not only one of the foremost farmers and stock-raisers of his district, marketing more hogs than any other farmer in Washington township, but he also owns conjointly with his brother, E. A. Smith, three hundred acres of choice land in Benton township and property in Russell, where he is also a director and vice president of the Russell State Bank. Moreover, Mr. Smith is gifted with an inventive mind, being the first man to receive a patent on a road drag, and he now owns a factory in Russell for the manufacture of these implements. Prosperity, even wealth, has come to Mr. Smith entirely through his own efforts, for he started in a humble way and what he has achieved well entitles him to that distinction of which an American is not proud to be denied a self-made man.



While Mr. Smith has made large personal gains, he has been a constructive factor in the development of agriculture and industries in Lucas county, and his attainments are largely to be considered public assets. Ever interested in the general welfare and material as well as moral and intellectual advancement, he has given readily of his time and means to promote worthy public enterprises or private enterprises which contribute to the resources of the section.

Clinton D. Smith was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, August 5, 1857, a son of Jacob and Emmeline (Vogel) Smith, the father born in Muskingum county in March, 1827, and the mother a native of Germany. In 1862 the parents with their family, including Clinton, who was then but five years of age, came overland to Wapello county, Iowa, and made settlement in Blakesburg, where they resided until 1864, when a removal to Washington township was made. The father died at Russell on the 26th of April, 1890. The mother, who had more claim to be called an American than a German, for she was brought to this country when only a few months old, also passed away in Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Smith became the parents of six children: Augusta, born November 2, 1853, who married Thomas C. Thorne, a prosperous agriculturist, who operates a fine farm on section 16, Union township, and of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work. Mrs. Adelia Thornbrue, who was born March 12, 1855, and who makes her home in Des Moines, Iowa; Clinton D., our subject; E. A., born April 22, 1859, also a resident of Russell and owning valuable land in partnership with our subject in Benton township; Mrs. Violet Coen, whose birth occurred on February 15, 1861, and who makes her home in Afton, Iowa; and Mrs. Adessa Plotts, born January 25, 1866, who resides in Des Moines.

Clinton D. Smith was brought by his parents to Wapello county, Iowa, in 1862, and in 1864 removed with the family to Washington township, of which he has ever since been a continuous resident, barring some extended trips and vacations which he took at various times to Oklahoma, California, Texas and other places. An ox team was used when the family made the overland journey to Iowa and Mr. Smith still has the yoke and chain in his possession. In the acquirement of his education he attended the pioneer schools of Washington township and it is worthy of mention that his first teacher was John A. Logan. Acquiring such knowledge as the crude educational facilities of the time permitted, he laid aside his text-books at the usual age and early in life began to earn his own support. In his early days in Washington township he drove six yoke of oxen, breaking the prairie and preparing land for cultivation. Conditions were most primitive at the time and wild animals were yet to be found here. Rattlesnakes were plentiful and troublesome. His first wages after attaining manhood were fifteen dollars a month, but as he was frugal and saving he succeeded in laying away a portion of his earnings, judiciously investing his money. Mr. Smith was one of those who at one time sought the opportunities Oklahoma offered to the new settler and was among the first to take up residence at Oklahoma City, turning the primitive press from which was issued the first edition of the Oklahomanian. He was the fifth white man in the Arapahoe and Cheyenne reservations in Oklahoma at the time they were opened. The other four members of the party

were General James B. Weaver, Captain Couch, the postmaster of Oklahoma City, and the United States land commissioner. There were present at the time twelve Indian chiefs. As the years have passed Mr. Smith has become one of the most successful farmers, one of the largest stock-raisers, and one of the wealthiest business men of the county. Beginning by earning his wages in a humble way, he has amassed a fortune and his prosperity is to be ascribed entirely to his energy and perseverance. Mr. Smith owns in partnership with his brother, E. A. Smith, three hundred acres of choice land in Benton township with one set of improvements, which include substantial and modern buildings and the most up-to-date farm machinery. Mr. Smith also owns over two hundred and fifty-five acres in Washington township, upon which he lives, and considerable property in Russell. Moreover, he is connected with financial interests of the city, being a director and vice president of the Russell State Bank, in the management of which he is helpful by virtue of these positions. Mr. Smith has also been successful along another line, having received a patent on a road drag, which he now extensively manufactures in his own plant at Russell. This drag has been used in many parts of Iowa and Missonri and has proven successful from the start. However, Mr. Smith gives most of his attention to his stock-raising interests. On his farm of two hundred and fifty-five acres, located on section 4, Washington township, which is one of the most valuable properties in the entire county and modernly improved, can be found many barns and sheds for the great number of head of live stock that he cares for each year. He has full-blooded Duroe-Jersey swine and handles a good grade of other classes of stock. He enjoys the reputation of raising more hogs in Washington township than any other man engaged along that line.

In Wayne county, Iowa, on May 7, 1896, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Betty M. Wilson, who was born at Warsaw, that county, July 3, 1868. She grew to womanhood in that locality and there attended common school. Being particularly gifted, she studied music at Allerton, this state, and afterward at Kansas City. She also acquired a serviceable business education, taking a course in stenography and typewriting at Des Moines, Iowa. Her parents, Greenberry and Mary Jane (Rankin) Wilson, were among the early pioneers of Wayne county and natives of Indiana and Ohio respectively. The father died in Wayne county, passing away in early manhood at the age of thirty-eight years, but the mother now resides in Des Moines. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson became the parents of the following children, all of whom were born in Wayne county: Mrs. Cora O. Palladay, born May 11, 1867, who died in Oklahoma in 1906; Mrs. Clinton D. Smith; and Elmer F., born December 16, 1871, who died at Allerton, June 23, 1894. Mrs. Wilson married again, her second union being with John W. Rankin, their home now being in Des Moines. Of this union was born, in 1880, one son, Charles Glenn Rankin, a resident of Spencer, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four children: Vogel Wilson, born January 21, 1898; Lorita Colette, born March 31, 1900; Dorothy Margaret, January 4, 1902; and Theodore J., born September 1, 1904. Miss Lorita Smith was born in El Paso, Texas, where the parents then sojourned, but the other children are natives of Washington township. All have been reared in Russell and are at present attending the public schools of the city.

Mr. Smith <http://stores.ebay.com/Ancestry-Found> was born in Adams county, Indiana, in 1820, using his influence for the election of Samuel J. Tilden for president. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and adheres to the principles of the party. Public-spirited and progressive, his attention has been given to public office and he has been a member of the school board and school treasurer of Washington township for twenty-four years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Russell and takes an active and helpful interest in its work. At various times he has traveled extensively over the western and southern sections of the United States, visiting Oklahoma, California, Texas and other divisions of this great country. He has thereby greatly enhanced his outlook upon life and has gathered valuable information and experience which have helped him to attain that position which he now occupies as one of the wealthiest men of the county. His interest in agricultural matters is also evident from the fact that he is a life member of the Farmers' National Congress. Mr. Smith is also one of the men known as commissioners from whose ranks the executive committee of the Farmers' National Congress is chosen. Mr. Smith is the member of that committee from Iowa. The foregoing is but a brief account of what Mr. Smith has achieved in Lucas county, but those who can read between the lines readily perceive the chief characteristics which have led him to success. These are honest and fair methods, frugality, self-control, energy, perseverance and incessant watchfulness for opportunities, of which he has taken advantage as they have presented themselves. There is no one in Lucas county who begrudges Mr. Smith his attainments and who does not recognize that they have been fairly won and are well merited. They are what every American citizen tries to achieve, and that he has reached the goal is proof of his extraordinary qualifications. It must not, however, be presumed that Mr. Smith has viewed his plans only from the point of his own progress, for he has always considered others and is much guided by the effect of his actions upon the general welfare. He has contributed much toward the satisfactory conditions that now prevail in Lucas county and Washington township, and his name will find a place in the annals of the history of this county among those men who have labored for feasible and lasting achievements. His citizenship is highly commendable and should serve as an example to the present and coming generations.

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#### J. H. CLARK.

J. H. Clark, who has lived in this section of the state for almost six decades, is one of the prosperous and popular citizens of Corydon, where for a number of years he was engaged in the mercantile business. During the past few years, however, he has been employed as a traveling salesman for Chicago, Pennsylvania and Iowa wholesale houses and in this connection has also won a gratifying measure of success.

Mr. Clark was born near Fort Wayne, in Adams county, Indiana, on the 28th of April, 1850, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Little) Clark. The father was born in Scott county, Indiana, on the 22d of February, 1817, while the mother's birth occurred in Muskingum county, Ohio, in August, 1820. In 1852 they made the overland journey to the west and on the 24th of October, 1854,



took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Wayne county, Iowa, entering land in Union township. Only two houses stood between Corydon and Chariton at that time, and all kinds of wild game abounded. The family did all their trading at Keokuk and Eddyville. In 1858 John Clark abandoned general agricultural pursuits and embarked in the mercantile business at Freedom. A scrupulously honest man himself, he took it for granted that all people were to be relied upon and thus parted with his goods with but little security. In a short time, therefore, he found himself without either funds or goods and his children were obliged to seek work in the community. He endured all the hardships and privations of pioneer life and bore his full share in the work of early development and upbuilding here. His demise occurred in Page county, Iowa, in 1881, while his wife passed away at Van Wert, Iowa, in September, 1895. Their children were as follows: Mrs. J. M. Edwards, who was born in 1837 and resides in Clarinda, Iowa; David, born in 1840, who passed away in 1900; Mrs. William Barnett, whose birth occurred in 1843 and who is deceased; Z. T., born in 1847, who is a resident of Portland, Oregon; J. H., of this review; John L., who was born in 1853 and makes his home in Nebraska; Mrs. Isabelle Carver, born in 1855, who is a resident of Clarinda, Iowa; Mrs. Rosa Rash, whose birth occurred in 1858, and who is a resident of Derby, Iowa; A. B., born in 1860, who is a resident of Ottumwa, Iowa; and Mrs. Lusetta Searl, deceased. The four younger children were born in Lucas county and the older ones were natives of Indiana.

J. H. Clark was a little lad of two years when the family home was established in Wayne county, and his youth was spent amid pioneer conditions and surroundings. He was six years old before he saw a piece of bacon and eight years of age before he saw an apple. It was also at the age of six that he saw his first newspaper, *The South Tier Democrat*, the first year's subscription of which was paid for by his father with a few timber squirrels. Possessing a retentive memory and a keen sense of humor, he has often given amusement by his recital of some of the experiences of his early life. He was one of a large family of children, who had such a wide range over which to roam that on Sunday morning his mother was obliged to send out a dog in order to find them and bring them in for a bath. Clothing was extremely scarce, not owing to style, but necessity, and Mr. Clark has said that among the children there was often not sufficient cloth to make a respectable tea jacket for a mosquito. He also avers that they ate so much mush and cornbread that all the children had husky voices and that their ears grew abnormally large. Because of his father's unfortunate business venture the children, as above stated, were obliged to assist in the support of the family. A good farm hand at that time received thirteen dollars per month, but this was paid in orders on stores at Chariton and Corydon and not in cash. There was a surplus of cereals and prices were extremely low.

Leaving the farm, Mr. Clark went to Chariton and there drove a stage for L. D. Rummells & Company and also for the Great Western Stage Company. He traveled in all directions out of Chariton, Indianola, Afton, Corydon and Garden Grove and carried mail to Last Chance, thus becoming well acquainted with all the old settlers of Lucas and Wayne counties. Subsequently he was for a number of years engaged in the mercantile business at Corydon, but during the past eighteen years has been a traveling salesman for Chicago, Pennsylvania and

Iowa wholesale houses, in which connection his excellent qualifications and his energy have won him success. He has covered every part of the United States west of Chicago, and, being a close observer, has gained a comprehensive knowledge of the country. He possesses a rich fund of original wit and humor and is considered one of the best story tellers in Iowa, being in great demand at all the old settlers' meetings and the social and fraternal organizations of which he is a member. He is one of the men who discovered the musical talent in Blind Boone, the famous negro pianist, and encouraged him to go before the public.

On the 30th of June, 1870, at Corydon, Iowa, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Angeline McVay, who was born near Sandspring, Iowa, in November, 1850, her parents being John and Betty (Hardesty) McVay, natives of Ohio. They became early settlers of Jones county, Iowa, and in 1865 took up their abode in Delaware county, this state. Both passed away at Corydon, Iowa. Their children were as follows: Mrs. Nancy Todd, whose demise occurred in Ohio; H. H., a resident of Drakesville, Iowa; Mrs. Jane Tilly, of Kokomo, Indiana; Mrs. Angeline Clark; Mrs. Edward Lane, of Mercer county, Missouri; L. P., who has passed away; and Mrs. M. E. Freeland, whose demise occurred at Mount Ayr. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have four children, namely: Merritt W., who was born on the 12th of August, 1872, and is a photographer of Corydon, Iowa; Mrs. Hollie Semple, born in 1874, who is a resident of Pasadena, California; Fred L., whose birth occurred in 1876 and who is a merchant tailor of Corydon; and Mrs. Bertha Morris, born in 1880, who makes her home at Kahoka, Missouri. All are natives of Corydon and all attended the public schools of that town, two of the children being graduated therefrom. All possess musical talent. While Mr. Clark has given his children every educational advantage, he was obliged to learn to write while seated on the floor, and the only book he used in the schoolroom was a speller. The family home, which he owns, is a commodious and well appointed residence in Corydon.

In politics Mr. Clark is a democrat, while fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Corydon. He and his family are members of the Christian church at Corydon. During practically all of his life he has been closely identified with the region where he now lives. He is one of its best known residents and no man stands higher in the estimation of the people of the community. He has attained success through the application of perseverance and a good judgment that have seldom failed to accomplish the object which he sought, and today he enjoys the results of his well directed endeavors.

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#### GEORGE McCULLOCH, M. D.

No history of Wayne county would be complete without a record of the career of Dr. George McCulloch, who, throughout the years of an upright and honorable life, has left a deep impress upon the professional and business history of Humeston, where for forty years he has made his home. Throughout a longer period he has been active in this section of the state, and as the years have

passed has proved his worth as a public-spirited citizen who never sacrifices the general good to individual interests. At present he is not only honored in his profession, but as president of the Home State Bank is one of the dominating figures in the business life of the city, his honesty, enterprise and resolute work having gained him wealth and prosperity. Dr. McCulloch was born in Holmes county, Ohio, October 21, 1848, and is a son of Joseph and Nancy (Miller) McCulloch, natives of Pennsylvania. The father died in Ohio when the subject of this review was only seven years of age, and the mother passed away in the same state at the age of seventy-nine. In their family were thirteen children: One who died in infancy; Hugh and James, both of whom have passed away; Miller R., who was a captain in the Second Kentucky Cavalry and was killed at the battle of Murfreesboro in the Civil war; David and Mrs. Nancy Jane Painter, who have also passed away; Albertus P., a veteran of the Civil war, who served during that conflict as a member of an Ohio regiment; Mrs. Martha Ann Sherlock, residing in Indiana, Joseph, who died in infancy; George, of this review; Alfred D., postmaster at Humeston, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Joseph C., whose home is in Cleveland, Ohio; and Mrs. Elizabeth Slagle, of Millersburg, Ohio.

Dr. George McCulloch acquired his early education in Holmes county, Ohio, and in 1871 moved to Brooklyn, in Poweshiek county, Iowa, where he began the study of medicine. He remained in that section until the fall of the same year and then entered Rush Medical College of Chicago. After the destruction of this institution by fire in 1871, he, together with practically the entire student body, attended the medical department of the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor, but completed his professional studies in Rush Medical College, graduating from that institution with the class of 1873. He located first for practice in Malcolm, Poweshiek county, and remained there for a short time, coming to Humeston in 1873, and has since made this city his home. At that time there were no plastered houses in the community, although there was one railroad, and conditions of life were extremely primitive. Dr. McCulloch has therefore seen the development of this section of Iowa and has to a great extent been identified with it. He first came to the section in order to look after eight hundred acres of choice land in Richman township entered by his father, and, being attracted by the future possibilities which he recognized, he established his residence here. He is especially fitted for the duties of a physician, for in his character ready sympathy and quickness of perception combine with a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the principles of medical science. Consequently he has secured a gratifying and representative patronage and is classed among the efficient and successful physicians in Humeston.

Dr. McCulloch has also attained unusual success in the business world and few if any business men of Humeston are better known throughout this section than he. He stands as a central figure in banking circles here, being president of the Home State Bank, and his name is known and honored among the leading financiers. The Home State Bank of Humeston was founded as a private institution in 1880 by Mr. Hasbrouk and Dr. McCulloch, who conducted it in its original form until 1898, when it was incorporated. At present it has a capital of sixty thousand dollars and is one of the sound, safe and conservative financial institutions of southern Iowa. As its president Dr. McCulloch's fine business

and executive ability have been called forth and the success of the bank is largely due to his efforts. He has given his best energies to the advancement of the enterprise and is widely known as one of the leading financiers in this part of the state. He has other important business interests and extensive property holdings, owning at the present time twelve hundred and twenty-four acres of choice land in Wayne county, upon which there are seven sets of good improvements. Upon these farms Dr. McCulloch carries on the breeding and raising of high-grade stock, having a herd of two hundred head of registered Angus cattle. Upon one of his tracts on section 21, Richman township, the state of Iowa experiment station has been established. By judicious investments and the wise use of every opportunity Dr. McCulloch has secured a comfortable competence which to a great extent has been used in a public-spirited way, since he aids and supports all movements which have for their object the development and advancement of his community.

In Holmes county, Ohio, in 1880, Dr. McCulloch married Miss Druseilla A. Maxwell, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maxwell, natives of that section. In this family were nine children: Robert, deceased; John T., who for three terms was circuit judge of Holmes county and who is still a resident of his native section; Mrs. Emily McCulloch, deceased; Mrs. Mary Ann Lower, of Indiana; Mrs. Mary Ann Lewis; Mrs. Martha Vorhees and Mrs. Lauretta Kingman, both deceased, the latter passing away in Des Moines; Mrs. Elvira Mitchell, of Millersburg, Ohio; and Mrs. McCulloch, the wife of the subject of this review. Dr. and Mrs. McCulloch became the parents of two children, the elder of whom died in infancy. The younger son, Milan Ellsworth, was born in Humeston on the 6th of January, 1883, and was graduated from the Humeston high school. Later he attended the State Agricultural College, studying scientific farming, and was for one year in Drake University and for a similar period of time in the State University of Iowa. For one year he acted as instructor in agriculture at Ames, but resigned this position in order to go to Chicago, where he completed a law course in the Chicago University. During the period of his residence in Iowa he was one of the leading figures in agricultural circles and recognized as an authority upon everything connected with practical, scientific farming. He visited every county in the state and afterward reported agricultural statistics for the national government in January, 1911, and was also overseer of the civil service department of the department of agriculture, Washington, D. C. He retired from this position in March, 1912, when he located in Humeston to look after his father's farms.

Dr. McCulloch has extensive fraternal relations. He is a member of Chappaqua Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of Fidelity Lodge, No. 228, F. & A. M., of Humeston. He belongs to the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids, but was initiated in that body at Des Moines. In official circles, too, he is a dominating and commanding figure. He gives a loyal support to the men and measures of the republican party, and was for twelve years a member of the Humeston town council. He was in the Iowa house of representatives as a member of the nineteenth, thirtieth and thirty-first general assemblies, proving himself at all times high in his ideals of public service and incorruptible in his integrity. In 1908 he was elected state senator and in this connection he served four years. His vote may be relied upon in support of all progressive measures and he regards



public office not as an avenue to personal advancement, but as a trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens. Over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil, for in this relation as in all others his work is that of a loyal, conscientious and high-minded man.

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### JUDGE W. H. TEDFORD.

Judge W. H. Tedford was born in Blount county, Tennessee, November 8, 1844, a son of John and Elizabeth (Hamill) Tedford, who were of Scotch descent. All of his great-grandfathers fought on the side of the patriots in the Revolutionary war. It was during that war that John Tedford, one of his great-grandfathers, was united in marriage to Mary Paxton. Mary Paxton belonged to that celebrated family of Virginia Paxtons from which sprung General Samuel Houston of Texas and other historic characters in the ministry and the profession of law. James Tedford, the grandfather on the paternal side was a cousin of General Houston, their mothers being Paxtons. This grandfather of Judge Tedford served in the War of 1812, under General Jackson, with the rank of captain. After the close of the Revolutionary war Judge Tedford's great-grandfather with all his brothers moved to East Tennessee, which place for seventy years was the home of Judge Tedford's ancestors. The family came to Louisa county, Iowa, in 1851, and located on a farm, where the education of the young man was secured, the same being such as was afforded by the common schools of that early day. At the age of sixteen Judge Tedford enlisted in Company F, Eleventh Iowa Infantry, and served his country four years, taking part in the great battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Vicksburg and Atlanta. He was in every battle and skirmish in which his regiment was engaged, and was with Sherman on his great march to the sea.

When the Civil war ended Judge Tedford at once returned to his home in Iowa, and a short time thereafter entered the Iowa State University, graduating from the law department thereof at the end of two years, with the degree of LL.B. This was in 1869, and in September of the same year he settled at Corydon, Iowa, and commenced the practice of law. Within a few years he built up an extensive practice, and had a leading part in all the important litigation in the county. The firm of Tedford & Miles, of which Judge Tedford was a member, in the case of the State of Iowa vs. Kabrich, 39th Iowa, page 277, first took the position in the Iowa supreme court, that the character of one charged with an offense is not in issue, unless he introduces some evidence relative thereto in his defense. This point was sustained by the supreme court, making this the leading case on this point, the same being cited and referred to by all the leading authorities and text writers on criminal law.

The Judge has always been a republican and was elected one of the presidential electors for Iowa in 1884. He was elected one of the judges of the third judicial district of Iowa in 1890, and with his associate, Judge Towner, was unanimously renominated in 1894. The democratic party in the district ratified the nomination, and their names were placed on both tickets, so that their election was unanimous. They were both again reelected in 1898. As an interpreter



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of the law Judge Tedford has had few equals and no superior on the bench in the state. In his long career on the bench, his record was remarkable, his decisions being affirmed in a very large majority of the very few cases appealed from his court. In no equity case appealed from him was he ever reversed, so that the bar of his district finally quit appeals from his court, where the points involved were of equitable proceedings.

Judge Tedford has done much active work for his party, having spoken in many parts of the state. He has been called upon to address the people year after year in different parts of the state on occasions of importance. He is a member of the celebrated Crocker Brigade Association, and delivered the biennial address at the large reunion of the organization at Ottumwa, Iowa, September 26, 1894, of which address it was said by the Ottumwa Courier: "It was a scholarly and masterful effort. It is unhesitatingly pronounced the finest address ever heard at a Crocker Brigade reunion."

The Judge after retiring from the bench because of ill health, some years after again returned to the practice of law, taking part in many leading cases in his part of the state, in which he exhibited all the power and ability of his former days. In 1911 he retired from practice and is now enjoying himself in the privacy of his beautiful home. He takes an active interest in affairs generally and devotes much of his time to the reading and study of the best literary works.

He was married to Miss Emma Thomas of Corydon, June 22, 1875, to which union was born one child, a daughter named Eva, born July 9, 1877. The wife and daughter belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, and take an active interest in assisting in the management of its local affairs. The daughter was married to C. B. Miles, a prominent young merchant of Corydon, May 4, 1899, to which union have been born two children, named Tedford and Mildred.

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#### A. B. CLINTON.

Among the most valued and representative citizens of Russell is numbered A. B. Clinton, well known in educational circles as president of the school board and president of the library board of the high school, and for the past few years prominently connected with the postoffice department of the city. He was born in Iroquois county, Illinois, July 28, 1867, and is a son of J. H. and Martha (Stevens) Clinton, natives of Ohio. The parents came to Lucas county in 1877 and settled in Russell, where the father died in 1899. His wife survives him and makes her home in Russell. Four children were born to their union, as follows: Mrs. Mary C. Bender, who resides in Chicago, Illinois; H. D., postmaster at Russell; A. B., of this review; and E. B., who resides in Marshalltown, Iowa.

A. B. Clinton came with his parents to Lucas county in 1877 and acquired his education in the public schools of this locality. After laying aside his books he became an express messenger, continuing at this work for five years, at the end of which time he went west, settling in Wyoming, and continuing there for about a year. In 1902 he returned to Russell and entered the postoffice depart-

ment, with which he has since been connected, his record reflecting credit upon his energy, ability and public spirit.

Mr. Clinton married, on the 26th of April, 1899, Miss Laura Beals, who was born in Lucas county, April 15, 1877, and who grew to womanhood here, acquiring her education in the public schools. Her parents, A. S. and Mary (Douglas) Beals, were born in New York and now reside in Benton township, whither they came among the early settlers in 1867. Six children were born to their union, four of whom still survive: A. D., who resides in Des Moines; Mrs. Clinton, wife of the subject of this review; Mrs. Mary Price, of Russell; and Archie E., a resident of Benton township. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton have become the parents of three children: A. B., Jr., Dwight D. and Robert H., all of whom are attending the Russell public schools.

Mr. Clinton is a republican in his political beliefs and is especially interested in the cause of education, serving at the present time in a progressive and efficient manner as president of the school board. He is in addition president of the library board of the high school and his executive ability has placed the affairs of that body in a flourishing condition. He and his wife belong to the Homesteaders of Russell, of which Mr. Clinton is president, and Mrs. Clinton holds membership in the Baptist church. They are people of exemplary character, interested in the welfare of Russell and anxious to do their part in promoting its growth, and they merit and command the confidence and high regard of an extensive circle of friends.

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#### WILLIAM E. LEEHART.

William E. Lechart is one of the substantial and representative business men of Lucas, where he is engaged in the drug business, and he is also well known as a representative of one of the pioneer families here. He was born in Jackson township, February 8, 1869, a son of Frederick and Cynthia (Canterbury) Lechart, the former born in Mecklenburg, Germany, in 1842, and the latter in Des Moines county, Iowa. The parents came to Lucas county in pioneer times and here the father turned his attention to farming, winning prosperity and success in this occupation. He owns five hundred acres of land in Jackson township, completely equipped and well improved, and is numbered among the most substantial and representative agriculturists of the community. He and his wife had two sons: Karl R., who was born in Jackson township, June 26, 1867, and who is now residing on a farm; and William E., of this review.

William E. Lechart grew to manhood in this section of the state and acquired his education in the common schools of Jackson township. He was reared to the occupation of farming and followed this pursuit after beginning his independent career until 1897, when he removed to Lucas and established himself in the drug business with his brother Karl, who is still associated with him. The latter, however, does not live in the city, but makes his home on a farm in Otter Creek township, where he is engaged in stock breeding on an extensive scale, having a choice herd of the best grade of Hereford cattle. William E. Lechart gives his attention to the development of the drug concern and has made it a

prosperous and profitable enterprise, his upright business methods, straightforward dealings and the fine quality of his goods being recognized in a large and increasing patronage.

On September 1, 1909, Mr. Lechart married Miss Minnie A. Hughes, who was born in Kansas, April 27, 1882. She is a daughter of W. J. and Elizabeth (Skidmore) Hughes, the former of whom was born in Morgan county, Indiana, September 3, 1852, while the latter was born in Brown county, Indiana, August 16, 1850. They are now residing on a farm in Jackson township, where they have made their home for a number of years. In their family were eight children: Cozzie, who died in infancy; Bert, who was born September 4, 1875, and is now residing in Colorado; Claude, whose home is in Texas; Eugene S., deceased; Minnie A., the wife of the subject of this review; Mrs. May Esther James, who was born January 5, 1884, and who is now residing in Oakley; and Hubert, who was born December 10, 1885, and Willa, born November 20, 1888, both of whom reside on the home farm in Jackson township. Mr. and Mrs. Lechart are the parents of a son, Waldron Ransom, who was born in Lucas, October 19, 1911.

Mr. Lechart gives his political allegiance to the republican party and he and his brother belong to Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 414, A. F. & A. M. They own a residence in Lucas and their valuable drug business in the city. The family are well known throughout this section of the state, where they have resided for many years and where the name of Lechart stands for all that is upright in business, progressive in citizenship and worthy in private relations.

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#### JOHN J. ADAMS.

John J. Adams, former owner, publisher and editor of the Seymour Leader, has been engaged in newspaper work since 1891. He was born in Henry county, Iowa, October 12, 1867, and after having completed his education was engaged at various schools as a teacher for about ten years. In 1891 he bought the Seymour Press and retained ownership of this journal for two years, when he sold out and purchased the Montezuma Republican, which he disposed of in turn to buy the Seymour Leader. This paper was established in 1891 by A. W. Maxwell as a weekly publication and was run for two years thereafter as a semi-weekly. Mr. Adams bought out Mr. Maxwell in 1904 and upon acquiring the paper re-equipped the whole plant and installed a linotype machine to enable him to more quickly turn out composition and greatly facilitate his news service. By the purchase of this machine he was enabled to duplicate and even triplicate the local news columns and make the paper one of great interest to the community. He also installed new presses, which, from a typographical point of view, turn out a good looking sheet, and bought at that time a great quantity of new type faces, which he uses effectively for his display advertising columns. The paper was originally a democratic organ, but in 1904 Mr. Maxwell changed its politics to that of the republican party. It is an eight page publication, well arranged, and carries a creditable quantity of local display advertising, which is ever increasing. The news columns are of the greatest interest and Mr. Adams endeavored to give a complete account of all the happenings of the community

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and vicinity, also giving sufficient space to state and national politics and general happenings all over the world of importance. His editorials were forceful and always stood for the promotion and betterment of the city and its people. He advocated clean politics in local as well as in state and national matters and his editorials had a decided influence upon public opinion in this section. Mr. Adams, in the conduct of his paper, also underwent the vicissitudes so many a publisher experiences who freely and openly utters his opinions upon any question or circumstance. In 1907 he was sued as the owner of the paper for five thousand dollars in a libel suit, but won out on the decision. At that time he had accused one of the citizens in the district as a whiskey peddler, but in this suit his assertion could not be disproved. Mr. Adams became a power for good in this locality through the medium of his valuable paper and his influence in the local councils of the republican party, to which he belongs, is widely felt. His paper always advocated righteousness and stood for those measures which will ultimately result to the benefit of the city and its people and he is a foe to underhand political methods, graft and lawlessness. On the 1st of August, 1913, Mr. Adams sold the paper to L. A. Glassburn.

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#### THOMAS C. THORNE.

A spirit of enterprise and progress has actuated Thomas C. Thorne in all the activities of his career and has been the most important element in the attainment of the success which he today enjoys. He owns and operates three hundred and twenty acres of fine land lying on section 16, Union township and is classed with the representative and progressive agriculturists of this locality. He was born in Henry county, Illinois, December 6, 1851, and is a son of William and Sophronia (Metcalf) Thorne, the former born on the Atlantic ocean and the latter in Maryland. The parents came overland in 1854 and were among the pioneers in Linn county, Iowa, where the father followed farming for a number of years. In 1869 they came to Lucas county, Washington township, and here William Thorne passed away in 1888. His wife survived him a number of years, dying in Union township, this county, in 1901. Four children were born to their union: W. A., who died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Thomas C., of this review; R. C., residing in Floyd county; and one child who died in infancy.

Thomas C. Thorne was three years of age when his parents made their overland journey into Iowa and in 1869 accompanied them to Washington township, Lucas county, where he has since remained an esteemed and respected resident. A few years after his arrival here he turned his attention to farming and the years since that time have brought him success, prominence and substantial fortune as a result of his well directed and energetic labors. His farm is today one of the finest in this part of the state. It comprises three hundred and twenty acres on section 16, Union township, and is equipped with two sets of good improvements. Mr. Thorne never neglects anything which will add to its attractive appearance or its value, and the entire property reflects his careful supervision and practical methods.



On the 8th of September, 1874, Mr. Thorne was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Smith, who was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, November 2, 1853, a daughter of Jacob and Emmeline (Vogel) Smith, the former a native of Muskingum county, born in March, 1827, and the latter a native of Germany. The parents moved to Wapello county, Iowa, in the spring of 1862 and settled in Blakesburg, where they resided for a number of years. The father died at Russell, this state, on the 26th of April, 1890. The mother, who was brought to America when she was a few months old, also passed away in Russell. Six children were born to their union: Mrs. Thorne, wife of the subject of this review; Mrs. Adelia Thornbrue, who was born March 12, 1855, and who now resides in Des Moines, Iowa; C. D., who was born August 5, 1857, now a resident of Russell, Iowa; E. A., who was born April 22, 1859, also a resident of Russell; Mrs. Violet Coen, whose birth occurred February 15, 1861, and who makes her home in Afton, Iowa; and Mrs. Adessa Plotts, who was born January 25, 1866, and who now resides in Des Moines. Mr. and Mrs. Thorne have a son, Harry Eugene, who was born at Russell, January 17, 1882, and who lives with his parents; and an adopted daughter, Ruth Adelia, who was born December 5, 1897, and who has just completed the eighth grade in the common schools.

Mr. Thorne gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and as a public-spirited and loyal citizen takes a great interest in community affairs, although he is not an active politician. He is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife have an extensive circle of friends and are highly esteemed and respected in Union township, where their excellent qualities of mind and character are known and recognized.

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#### JOSEPH E. FERREL.

Joseph E. Ferrel is one of the highly successful agriculturists and stockmen of Warren township, where he owns a hundred and sixty acres of section 4, which constitutes one of the valuable farming properties of that locality. He is a native of Wayne county, his birth having occurred on the 17th of February, 1865, and a son of John and Rebecca (Reese) Ferrel. The parents were born, reared and married in Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Iowa in 1855, locating in this county. Here the father purchased a hundred and twenty acres of raw land, to which he added from time to time until he became the owner of over five hundred acres, in the cultivation and improvement of which he diligently engaged until his death, which occurred in 1888 at the age of sixty-six years. He had long survived the mother, who was forty when she passed away in 1874. They were the parents of nine children, our subject being the sixth in order of birth.

There was no event of especial importance in the early life of Joseph E. Ferrel to distinguish his youth from that of the average lad who was reared in this section of Iowa during the pioneer period. He remained at home and assisted in the cultivation of the farm until he was twenty-two, when he started out to make his own way in life. Believing that the west afforded better opportunities to young men of limited capital, he went to Nebraska and bought a tree



claim, and a quarter section that had been proved up, all of which he still owns, and applied himself to its improvement and cultivation for seven years. Returning to Iowa in the fall of 1893, he bought eighty acres of land in this county and here resumed his agricultural pursuits. He subsequently increased his holdings by the purchase on one occasion of an adjoining eighty-acre tract and on another of a forty, and there engaged in general farming and stock-raising with a good measure of success until 1904. In the year last named he disposed of his farm and removed to his present place, formerly the property of his father-in-law, J. W. Smith. The entire tract has been brought into a high state of cultivation, while its value has been further enhanced by substantial improvements, including large, commodious barns, ample sheds and outbuildings, and a comfortable residence. These improvements were all made by Mr. Smith, who also fenced the entire holding, while Mr. Ferrel is making it hog tight. Mr. Ferrel is largely planting his fields to hay and grain, and in connection with his general farming he is engaged in stock-raising, and is meeting with a good measure of success in both lines of his business. He specializes in the raising of Duroc-Jersey hogs, which he feeds for the market, his herd averaging a hundred head.

In 1887, Mr. Ferrel was married to Miss May Smith, a daughter of J. W. and Martha (Beard) Smith, natives of Illinois. They came to Iowa in the early '50s, settling in this county, where the mother passed away in 1905. The father, who is one of the few surviving pioneer farmers of Wayne county is now seventy-two years of age and makes his home with our subject. Mrs. Ferrel, whose natal day was the 24th of March, 1868, is the elder in a family of two. To Mr. and Mrs. Ferrel there have been born one daughter and two sons, as follows: Edith O., who is attending Drake University at Des Moines; and Karl J. and Leo B., both of whom are at home.

The parents are consistent members of the Christian church of Allerton, in which Mr. Ferrel holds the office of deacon. Politically he supports the democratic party, and although he has never figured in the official life of the community, he is not at all remiss in matters of citizenship but extends his indorsement to all movements he feels will promote the progress or development of the county. Mr. Ferrel is leading an active life and directing his undertakings in a well organized and capable manner as is evidenced by the appearance and condition of his farm, which pays tribute to his skill as an agriculturist no less than to his business ability.

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#### FRANK C. LARIMER.

Among the highly esteemed citizens of Chariton is Frank C. Larimer, who after engaging along various lines is now connected with the firm of Hollinger & Larimer, the junior partner being his brother. Mr. Larimer underwent many hardships and handicaps during his career, but he has conquered such as could be conquered and in a Christian spirit has contented himself to carry those burdens which inexorable fate imposed upon him. Mr. Larimer was born in Chariton township (now Lincoln township), November 30, 1864, a son of Wilson

King Larimer, a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he was born October 27, 1828, who died in Chariton, Iowa, in 1896, as one of its most prominent citizens. The father came to Lucas county overland at an early day and settled on a farm in Chariton township. Not only was he one of the pioneers but he was also active politically, having been for many years county surveyor and for six years clerk of the courts. It is significant that he was elected to the latter office on the democratic ticket in a strongly republican county. The mother of our subject was Margaret Young, a native of Ohio, who also has passed away at Chariton. Her father, E. P. Young, was one of the very early pioneers of Lucas county, having in the early days removed his log cabin from the eastern part of what is now Lincoln township to Chariton with an ox team. He endured all the privations incident to pioneer life when there were few settlements and distances between neighbors were such that communication was difficult. Mrs. Margaret Larimer by a previous marriage had one daughter, Mrs. Best, whose husband is one of the prominent contractors of Chariton. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson K. Larimer had five children: Belle, residing in the old Larimer home at Chariton; Frank C., of this review; Mrs. Ollie Holmes, of Chariton; Edward P., of Seymour, Iowa; and Horace G., of Chariton.

Frank C. Larimer, in the acquirement of his education, attended the common schools and later a private school at Chariton conducted by Mrs. Frank Stuart. He was reared and grew to manhood in Chariton township (now Lincoln) and has always been a resident thereof. In the earlier years he followed farming until he moved to Chariton, where for fifteen years he was engaged as a painter and contractor and also followed railroading for some time. He then conducted a store in Russell and passed two years in Des Moines. At the present he is clerking in the store of Hollinger & Larimer, his brother being the junior partner. He has in his possession all the earlier records of Chariton township, which have come to him through his father, who made them when he held the position of surveyor.

Frank C. Larimer was united in marriage, in 1892, to Miss Emma Myers, who was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. Her parents subsequently made removal to Lucas county. They were Isaac and Ann (Campbell) Myers, natives of Pennsylvania and now both deceased, having passed away in Chariton. The death of the mother occurred in June, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Myers had five children: Mrs. Maggie Badger, whose husband is rural free delivery carrier in Chariton; Mrs. Larimer, the wife of our subject; Mrs. Cora Herd, of Los Angeles, California; Samuel, deceased; and Anna, of Chariton. The three elder children were born in Pennsylvania and the younger two in Lucas county. Mr. and Mrs. Larimer became the parents of one son, Willard Kelvin, born February 6, 1902, who died May 6, 1912. His untimely death was a sad blow to the parents, who already had suffered great afflictions, for Mr. Larimer had been unfortunate in sustaining severe injuries while in the contracting and painting business, and in addition to this Mrs. Larimer became an invalid. Then, to fill their cup of sorrow, the sad death of their only son and child occurred when he was accidentally drowned.

Politically, Mr. Larimer is a democrat and fraternally a member of the Masonic lodge of Chariton and also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is an honorary member of the volunteer fire department of this city. Mrs.

Larimer is a member of the United Presbyterian church of Chariton, in the work of which she takes an active and helpful interest. Both she and her husband enjoy in a large measure the confidence and good-will of their fellow citizens and are highly respected and esteemed wherever known. They reside in a handsome home in Chariton, which Mr. Larimer owns, beside another dwelling that is rented out.

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#### WILLIAM H. EARNEST, M. D.

Dr. William H. Earnest has not only attained prominence along professional lines as an able physician and surgeon, but is also a land owner of Wayne county, holding title to valuable property. More than that, he is entitled to high credit for the services which he rendered his country at the time of the great conflict between the north and south, when he fought in the ranks of the Union for the preservation of its entity. William H. Earnest was born in Pennsylvania, November 26, 1848, and is a son of Isaac and Mary (Bennett) Earnest, who were both natives of Pennsylvania and descendants of families who were old settlers of that state. Mrs. Mary Earnest was a daughter of Joseph and Mary Bennett and died when our subject was an infant of only one and a half years. His father also passed away in his native state.

Dr. Earnest removed with his grandfather, Joseph Bennett, to Ohio when only five years of age and there he was reared and received his early education. Being studious by nature, a professional career appealed to him and he subsequently matriculated in the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, from which he was graduated with distinction as M. D. in 1870, and thereafter practiced his profession for one year in Ohio. In 1871 he came to Seymour, Iowa, and opened an office. By his kindly ways, his thorough knowledge and his wide experience he gradually succeeded in building up an extensive and gratifying practice, and as his reputation spread his patients became more numerous. For about a quarter of a century he faithfully served humanity, alleviating its suffering and by his skill bringing back to health those afflicted. It was not only, however, that he helped by his knowledge and his skill, but in his quiet, unassuming way he inspired that confidence and by his kindness inspired that cheerfulness which brought back many from the brink of serious sickness. In 1895 he withdrew from active practice and has since lived retired in Seymour. Prosperity came to him from his labors, and, seeking local investment, he placed his money largely in farm land and today owns valuable agricultural property in Wayne county, from which he receives excellent returns.

In 1869 Dr. W. H. Earnest married Miss Eliza J. Crawfis, of Ohio, who, however, died after only one year of marital happiness, leaving a son, Charles E., who is now engaged in the grocery business in Seymour. In 1872 Dr. Earnest was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Rodgers, the event taking place at Seymour. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Rodgers, the former a prosperous farmer of this section, who had come with his wife from Pennsylvania to Iowa at an early day. To the second union of Dr. Earnest was born a daughter, Marcia, who married A. G. Widmer, who is one of the owners of the



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Numa Block Coal Company and the Prairie Block Coal Company. Dr. and Mrs. Earnest are members of the Presbyterian church, taking an active and helpful interest in the affairs of that organization.

Dr. Earnest is a republican and although his professional duties have been manifold and exacting, he has found time to take up public position, and served as county coroner for some time, while he also acted as United States pension examiner. In 1864, when only fifteen years of age, his boyish spirit stirred by the all-pervading patriotism of those times, he enlisted with the One Hundred and Fiftieth Ohio Infantry as volunteer and also served with the One Hundred and Eighty-ninth Regiment, being mustered out with honorable discharge at the close of the war. Although a mere boy, he never faltered in the performance of any duty or task assigned him, however arduous, however hazardous, his valor, his zeal and his devotion to his country awakening and inspiring courage in men many years his senior who served with him in the ranks for the preservation of the Union. Dr. Earnest's fraternal associations extend to the Masonic order and the Grand Army of the Republic. In the former he is a blue lodge Mason, a Knight Templar and a Shriner, while in the latter he is affiliated with William Kellogg Post, No. 186, of which he has served as commander. In the latter connection he meets his comrades of yore and there finds that spirit which keeps alive the flame of patriotism and devotion to one's country which makes life more noble and more sacred. There have been no spectacular phases in the life record of Dr. William Earnest, but his history is one of those which tell of the simple life led in the right direction, and which inspire and encourage others by what has been accomplished through energy, ambition, kindness and character.

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### HENRY S. BROWN.

The death of Henry S. Brown in Humeston in 1911 marked the passing of one of that sturdy band of pioneers who founded the civilization of the central west and laid the foundations of its future development. At the time of his death Mr. Brown was ninety-three years of age and had lived for upwards of half a century in Wayne county, so that he was among its oldest residents, having been a witness of its growth and advancement through fifty years of an honorable and worthy life. He saw the broad prairies converted into productive fields and in all of the work of progress was an active participant, his fine qualities of mind and character gaining him the unqualified respect and esteem of his fellowmen.

Henry S. Brown was born in Swedesboro, New Jersey, November 3, 1818, the same year which marked the birth of Queen Victoria. His parents were poor and he had therefore the advantages of only a common school education and was obliged to lay aside his books at the age of fourteen in order to begin his apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade. He became very proficient in this work and followed it successfully for a number of years, finally establishing a shop of his own at Shiloh. Before he left New Jersey, on July 21, 1842, Mr.



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Brown married Miss Ruth D. West and after the event continued working at his trade until 1850, when, attracted by the growing prominence of the central west as a productive farming region, he and his young wife began their journey westward to cast their lot in a country which was then a frontier wilderness. They went to Buffalo by rail and from there by way of the Great Lakes to Chicago and thence to Peoria, Illinois. Mr. Brown bought a farm of eighty acres sixteen miles northwest of Henry, in Stark county, and began its improvement in connection with his work as a blacksmith. In the development of the farm he was ably assisted by his wife, who proved herself a worthy and courageous helpmate for the pioneer, and together they carried forward the work of improving their holdings, becoming finally the possessors of one of the finest farms in that part of Illinois. In 1870 they sold this property and moved to Richman township, Wayne county, Iowa, where Mr. Brown purchased one hundred and sixty acres, located three miles northwest of Humeston. The years brought him prosperity as the result of his well directed labor and each season more abundant harvests rewarded his care and labor, and at length he retired from active life, moving in 1880 into Humeston, where he established a home and where the remaining years of his life were spent.

Mr. Brown was particularly happy and fortunate in his home life, his wife being a true and worthy helpmate during their sixty-five years of married life. They became the parents of nine children, four of whom are still living, namely: Mrs. John McKinnon, of Viola, Illinois; H. H., who is agent for the Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek Short Line Railroad, with headquarters in Colorado Springs; R. A., a farmer residing in Farson, Wyoming; and Mrs. Alva Humeston, of Humeston. One of the most interesting events in the career of Mr. and Mrs. Brown was the celebration in 1892 of their golden wedding anniversary, when all of their children and grandchildren and their many friends gathered at their home to congratulate them upon the event and to wish them many more years of happy life. The companionship between Mr. and Mrs. Brown was broken by death in 1907, when, on April 21st of that year, the mother was called to her final rest. While preparing breakfast on the 13th of April she was stricken with apoplexy and fell across Mr. Brown's lap, pinning him to the chair in such a way that he was unable to move. Miss Hattie Humeston, a granddaughter, was awakened by Mr. Brown's cries, and with the assistance of her mother placed Mrs. Brown in bed, from which she never again arose, passing away on Sunday, April 21st, at four o'clock. She was one of the true pioneer women of the central west and her life was filled with goodness, love and helpful service. She was an untiring worker in the cause of temperance, serving as president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union for several years and upon the committee of ladies organized to break up the saloon business in Humeston. The sorrow at her death was widespread and sincere, for she had many friends in Humeston and throughout Wayne county who had been drawn to her by her kindness, her helpfulness and her true and worthy life. She and her husband belonged for many years to the Baptist church, but after they moved into Humeston joined the Christian denomination, of which they were active supporters for a number of years. Mr. Brown survived his wife until 1911, when he passed away at the advanced age of ninety-three, his death ending a life honorable, loyal and upright in its purposes and high and lofty in its

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aims and ambitions. A broad sympathy and a true kindness of heart endeared him to many friends, for whom "Grandpa" Brown always had a cheery word and a helping hand, and his death was a great loss to Wayne county in the ranks of her successful pioneers.

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### GEORGE MOSER.

Throughout the years of an active, useful and honorable life, George Moser has worked his way upward from poverty to a position of prominence and influence, facing defeat, overcoming obstacles, meeting reverses with high confidence and courage and advancing steadily to final triumph. The record of his life furnishes splendid examples of the compelling power of honesty and industry and of the value of ambition and determination in the development of a successful career, for he started out in life empty-handed and is today one of the largest shippers of stock in Wayne county. Mr. Moser is one of the many sturdy, energetic, capable and enterprising men whom Germany has given to America. He was born in Wittenberg, April 24, 1866, and is a son of B. and Ushler (Schaefer) Moser, natives of the fatherland, the former of whom died in Humeston in 1911 and the latter in the same city in 1899. In this family were six children, all born in Germany: John, who is residing in Clay township; George, of this review; Matthew, who is assisting his brother George in the conduct of his meat market; Mrs. Barbara Waite, of Idaho; Michael, who died in 1906; and Mary, who passed away at the age of fourteen.

George Moser spent his early childhood in his native country, but in 1881 came to America with his parents, settling first in Aurora, Illinois, where he remained for one year and a half. In 1883 he came to Wayne county and has resided here ever since. At the time of his arrival he possessed a capital of six dollars and fifty cents, but his assets in determination and ambition were unlimited, and with characteristic energy he set himself to work out an honorable career. For two years he engaged as a common laborer and then for an equal period hired out by the month at farm labor.

The four years after this were spent in railroad work, Mr. Moser in the meantime saving every penny over his living expenses and investing his money in a judicious manner. In this way he acquired enough to stock a farm and he therefore rented land and engaged in general agricultural pursuits. For two years he developed this property and was just beginning to make some progress toward success when his farm buildings and all of his stock were destroyed by fire. At this time also his wife, who had aided him in his reverses and shared his hardships, passed away, leaving him to face a situation that would have discouraged an ordinary man. However, with renewed energy Mr. Moser set himself to repair his fortunes and at length became interested in the live stock business, shipping his own animals. Gradually he extended his activities to include the buying, selling and shipping of other stock, and at length his patronage increased and extended until today he has become one of the largest stock dealers in Wayne county. In 1906 he purchased a meat market in Humeston and in addition to this owns and operates five hundred and ten acres of land, with

three sets of improvements. His farming, stock-raising and meat business he carries on practically as one enterprise, displaying in the management of his extensive business interests the executive force and power of control upon which his success is founded.

Mr. Moser has been twice married. In 1891 he wedded Miss Bertha Ruff, who was born in Clay township and who passed away in the same section in 1892. One child, Ernest, was born to this union. In 1893 Mr. Moser married Miss Emma Grouch, a native of Iowa, born March 7, 1860. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Grouch, both of whom have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Moser have one son, Leo, who was born in Clay township, June 4, 1897. The family reside in a beautiful home just south of the city, in Richman township, and are well known throughout the entire community.

Mr. Moser gives his allegiance to the progressive party and is active and progressive in all matters of citizenship, serving at the present time as a member of the town council. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is today one of the prominent and representative men in Humeston and is a valuable addition to the ranks of its citizenship. Coming penniless and unknown from Germany over a quarter of a century ago, he has fully realized the hope which brought him to our shores, regarding America as another name for opportunity. The record of his courageous, sturdy and undaunted struggle against obstacles and reverses and the final triumph of his successful life may well serve as a spur to others equally unfortunate and as a hope and inspiration to those who come after.

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#### FLOYD E. FARR.

Floyd E. Farr is the proprietor of the Rexall Drug Store and is one of the most able, progressive and successful business men of Humeston. He was born in Macon, Missouri, January 4, 1878, and is a son of William E. and Hattie (Sagiser) Farr and a grandson of Edward Farr who lost his life during the Civil war. The father of our subject was born in Missouri, December 9, 1852, and is at present residing in Kansas City, at the age of sixty years. His wife was a native of Pennsylvania, born October 17, 1854, and her death occurred on the 26th of November, 1898. In their family were three sons, all of whom were born in Macon, Missouri, namely: Floyd E., of this review; Sydney B., a resident of Kansas City, Missouri; and Homer L., also a resident of that city.

In the acquirement of an education Floyd E. Farr attended the public schools of Macon, Missouri, and Cowgill, of the same state. When he began his active career he came to Humeston and entered the employ of H. C. Ady, who was engaged in the drug business here, and afterward he was with the Benge Drug Company. When Mr. Farr left his first position he went to Corydon as manager of the Shipley Drug Company in that city but eventually he returned to Humeston and re-entered the employ of the Benge Drug Company. Afterward he went into business for himself, conducting a drug store of his own at Cambridge, Iowa, for two years, disposing of this enterprise in order to assume the management of the Stevens Drug Store in Kansas City, where he

remained for six months. At the end of that time he returned to Humeston and purchased his present establishment, which he has since conducted. The scope of the business has been expanded beyond the limits of Mr. Farr's original idea and the store now contains departments in which are handled wallpaper, paints, Eastman kodaks, Edison phonographs, Haviland chinaware, silverware and jewelry, besides a complete stock of drugs and drug sundries. Mr. Farr is also agent for the famous Rexall remedies. Matson Bennett has been assisting him in the conduct of his establishment for the past three years and Theophile Kaznearchak is at the head of the jewelry department. His store is one of the finest of its kind in this part of Iowa, its flourishing condition being entirely due to the earnest and well directed efforts of the owner, who is a shrewd, able and resourceful business man and a powerful factor in the general commercial growth of his community.

On November 29, 1899, Mr. Farr was united in marriage to Miss Elsie B. Humeston, who was born in White Breast, Lucas county, Iowa, November 29, 1879, a daughter of Alva and Annie E. (Brown) Humeston, the former a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, born August 12, 1852, and the latter of Stark county, Illinois. The Humeston family is one of the oldest and most prominent in this part of Iowa and Alva Humeston is one of the broad, liberal-minded and public-spirited citizens of the community in which he resides. Mr. and Mrs. Farr have become the parents of one daughter, Helen Maxine, who was born in Humeston, January 14, 1906. Mrs. Farr is a member of the Christian church.

Fraternally Mr. Farr is affiliated with Fidelity Lodge, No. 228, A. F. & A. M., and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He is widely known in his locality, where he has lived for many years, his upright and honorable character winning for him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he is associated. His career furnishes a splendid example of the power and force of determination and enterprise, for his path to success has been by no means clear of obstacles. His stock was twice destroyed by fire, once at Cambria and once at Humeston, but Mr. Farr did not allow himself to become disheartened, facing his reverses with confidence and courage and finally winning a substantial measure of prosperity.

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### J. HERBERT PARK.

J. Herbert Park has been a resident of Wayne county for forty years. During that time he has witnessed the growth and development of this section of the state and has been a powerful individual force in its agricultural and business development, many of the leading banks in Lucas and Wayne counties owing their foundation to his initiative spirit and their development to his ability and enterprise, and his eight hundred acre farm standing as a conclusive evidence of his energy and ability. His record may well serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement showing what may be accomplished by individual effort when intelligently directed, for it has been by his own labors that



he has gained the prominent position which he now occupies among men of marked ability and substantial worth in his community.

J. Herbert Park was born in Warren county, Illinois, October 28, 1843, and is a son of Warren and Sophia (Wheaton) Park, natives of Massachusetts, the former born in 1806 and the latter in 1816. The Park family is one of the oldest in America and was founded here by a representative of the line who located in Massachusetts in 1635, settling on the spot where Harvard College now stands. There is still extant and in the possession of the subject of this review a genealogical record extending back eight generations. It contains the names of J. Herbert Park's great-grandfather, Samuel Park, who was a member of the Massachusetts general court during the Revolutionary war, his grandfather, John Park, wounded in King Philip's war, and his paternal grandmother, who was a member of the famous Adams family of Massachusetts, from which President John Quincy Adams came. The parents of the subject of this review were pioneers in Illinois, having settled in Warren county, that state, after the Black Hawk war. Both died in Henderson county, the father in 1886 and the mother in 1904. Among their children were: Russell, who has passed away; Mrs. Mary Calista Anderson, who resides in Lincoln, Kansas; J. Herbert, of this review; Orlando Appleton, who resides in Brownsville, Oregon; Solomon Adams, of Henderson county, Illinois; Eugene, deceased; and Harry Ellsworth, also of Brownsville, Oregon. The elder members of this family were born in Massachusetts and the younger in Henderson county, Illinois.

J. Herbert Park grew to manhood in Illinois and there attended common schools. After laying aside his books he engaged in teaching, and at the outbreak of the Civil war enlisted from Henderson county in Company G, One Hundred and Eighteenth Volunteer Infantry, serving as a non-commissioned officer and receiving his honorable discharge. He afterward returned to Henderson county and resumed his teaching, later abandoning this occupation and turning his attention to the stock business and to dealing in lands. In 1870 he settled at Burlington, Iowa, and there obtained a position in a law office, doing notary work and also managing the real-estate department. Following this he went to the western mountain states and there engaged in the mercantile business in the mining camps of the Rocky mountains for about twenty years. Before settling at Burlington he had purchased one hundred and thirty-five acres of choice land in Richman township, Wayne county, and after his return from the mining camps he settled upon this property, whereon he has since resided. To it he has added extensively from time to time and is now a large landowner, holding between seven and eight hundred acres lying in Richman township, this county, and Union township, Lucas county. The farm has three sets of good improvements and is a valuable property in every particular, for it has been operated along modern, practical lines, and it responds to the care and labor of its owner in constantly increasing productiveness.

In addition to his farming interests Mr. Park has for many years been very prominent in financial circles of Humeston and the vicinity and has assisted in the organization of seven different banks. Today he is interested in the Home State Bank of Humeston and in the Cambria Savings Bank. He was the organizer of the Derby State Bank in which he has since disposed of his stock.



Mr. Park voted for Abraham Lincoln at the time of his second election and at the second election of President Grant voted the independent republican ticket. He is, however, at present, a democrat and interested in public affairs, cooperating heartily in everything which he deems of permanent value to the community in which he has so long resided. He is connected fraternally with Fidelity Lodge, No. 228, F. & A. M., of Humeston, and belongs to the Royal Arch Masons in Corydon. He is a man of exemplary character, just, conscientious and peace-loving, and during the forty years he has lived in Wayne county he has never been involved in a law suit, settling all disputes which have arisen in accordance with the principles of right and justice. A wide reader, he has spent a great deal of time and thought upon his library, which is today one of the finest to be found in this part of Iowa, being especially well supplied with books of a historical and scientific nature. He lives his own life; his books are his companions; his fields are his friends; his work and business, his recreation. The best current magazines are on his reading table, for Mr. Park is a well informed man and likes to keep abreast of the questions and issues of the day. As was said of his famous kinsman, President John Quincy Adams: "His mind is a storehouse of facts and nothing could be more desired by a person of mental attainment than to enter into any kind of conversation with him."

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#### DAVID A. PAGE.

David A. Page, of the Allerton Implement Company, is one of the industrious business men and public-spirited citizens of Wayne county, where he is serving as a member of the board of supervisors. A large portion of his life has been passed in this immediate vicinity, where for many years he actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, but in 1905 he removed to Allerton and identified himself with the commercial interests of the town. Mr. Page was born in Woodford county, Illinois, on the 15th of April, 1865, and is a son of Moses P. and Martha E. (Banta) Page, the father a native of New Hampshire and the mother of Illinois. They were married in the last named state and began their domestic life in Woodford county, where the father engaged in farming until 1878. In the latter year he removed with his family to Wayne county, Iowa, and purchased six hundred acres of land to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his energies during the remainder of his active life. About 1891 he disposed of his interests here and went to Washington, where he is still residing at the venerable age of eighty-nine years. He has long survived the mother, who passed away in 1891, at the age of fifty-nine and is buried in the cemetery at Allerton. Of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Page there were born eight children, our subject being the sixth in order of birth.

The first thirteen years in the life of David A. Page were passed in his native state. He was reared in very much the same manner as all farmer lads, pursuing his education in the public schools, and while engaged in the mastery of the common branches becoming familiar with the duties of the agriculturist. He remained at home and assisted with the cultivation of the fields and care of the stock until he was eighteen, when he started out to make his own way in the

world. Feeling he was fully qualified to begin his independent career as an agriculturist he rented a farm in McLean county, Illinois, which he cultivated with a good measure of success for eight years. Coming to Wayne county, at the expiration of that time, he bought two hundred acres of land in Clinton township. The further improvement and cultivation of this place engaged his energies until 1904, when renting his farm he returned to McLean county, Illinois, where for two years he engaged in farming and then removed to Allerton, in order to give his children the opportunity of better educational advantages than were afforded in the country. When he came to town Mr. Page engaged in the implement business with C. P. Meredith, with whom he was associated until 1912, when with W. T. Grimes and J. T. Kastes he bought the establishment now conducted under the firm name of the Allerton Implement Company.

In 1890, Mr. Page was married to Miss Nettie Muzzy, a daughter of Alman and Mary (Packingham) Muzzy, natives of New York, who subsequently went to Illinois, coming from there to Iowa about 1903. Here the father passed away in 1912, at the age of eighty-two years, but the mother, who is in her seventy-third year, is still living. Mrs. Page, who was the fifth in a family of six children, was born in October, 1865. Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Page, as follows: Robert R., whose birth occurred on the 23d of January, 1891, a student first in the department of dentistry at the Iowa State University, Iowa City, and now at Northwestern University; and Manley A., whose natal day was November 16, 1899, attending the public schools of Allerton.

Mr. and Mrs. Page are members of the Christian church, and fraternally he is affiliated with Allerton Lodge, No. 321, K. P., and with the Homestead Lodge, while Mrs. Page is a member of the Pythian Sisters. His political allegiance he gives to the democratic party and he is now serving his second year on the board of county supervisors. In the course of his career Mr. Page has worked hard, directing his undertakings in a practical and systematic manner, and in the development of his interests is meeting with well deserved prosperity.

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#### WILLIAM W. ELLIOTT.

For several years William W. Elliott has lived retired in Seymour and by reason of his high standards of integrity and his honorable and upright life has gained the confidence and esteem of many friends. He is a native of Indiana, born in Morgan county, February 18, 1845, and is a son of Brooks and Martha Elliott, natives of Kentucky. In the early days of his career the father of our subject moved into Indiana and there resided until his death, which occurred when his son William W. was only one month old, and only eight days after the death of his wife. Following the death of his parents, the subject of this review was taken into the home of his sister, Mrs. John Bradley. This family left Indiana in the fall of 1854 and moved into Iowa, locating in Appanoose county, where William W. Elliott attended school. He was a lad of sixteen at the outbreak of the Civil war and was, in consequence, unable to enlist until 1863, in



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which year he joined Company H, Eighth Iowa Cavalry, under command of M. M. Walden. He served until the close of the war and was mustered out at Macon, Georgia, on the 13th of August, 1865, receiving his honorable discharge. During the period of his enlistment he saw active service all the time and once was in the thick of a battle or a skirmish every day for thirty-three consecutive days. He was with Sherman on his Atlanta campaign and at Noonan, Georgia, was wounded in his right leg and his horse was killed under him by the same bullet. He suffered from this wound for ten years. On McCook's raid, which took place on July 30, 1864, Mr. Elliott was captured by the rebels and remained in prison for four months, during which time he was afflicted four times with gangrene in his leg. His horse fell upon the leg which was not infected and Mr. Elliott has always been more or less disabled as a result of his injuries. After his discharge he returned to Appanoose county and settled on a farm on the 1st of September, 1865. He carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1896 and then moved into Seymour, where he has since lived retired, with the exception of the years from 1907 to 1911, when he resided in Mt. Pleasant in order to educate his children.

On April 1, 1866, Mr. Elliott married Miss Amanda S. Manning, a daughter of John and U. B. (Morgan) Manning, natives of Ohio, who came to Iowa in 1850 and to Appanoose county in 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott became the parents of three children: Martha L., who married Charles G. Norris, of Numa, Appanoose county; William, who died in infancy; and Edna Love, who lives at home. They are people of wide charity and practical benevolence and at different times have given a good home to five children who were left orphans. They are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church and in their lives exemplify the doctrines in which they believe.

Mr. Elliott has firm faith in the principles of prohibition and gives an active and helpful support to the prohibition party. He keeps in touch with his comrades of fifty years ago through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has attained a place of distinction. He has twice been commander of William Kellogg Post, No. 186, and served for two terms in the same position in McFarland Post, No. 20, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. All the relations of his life have been distinguished by the same steadfast courage and perseverance which marked his work on the southern battlefields and his entire career has been a credit and honor to a man who once proved himself a valorous soldier.

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#### CHARLES W. STEELE.

Charles W. Steele, who since 1894 has been engaged in the practice of law with Lewis Miles, has attained to prominence not only in the legal profession but has also become one of the foremost financiers of the city as president of the First National Bank of Corydon. Mr. Steele was born in Owen county, Indiana, June 26, 1859, and is a son of Joseph H. and Mary (Burke) Steele, the former of whom is also a native of Indiana and a son of Hugh Steele, of Tennessee. The family is of English descent. The mother, Mrs. Mary Steele, was a daughter



of J. C. Burke, of Indiana, and also of English descent. Joseph H. Steele brought his family to Wayne county, Iowa, in 1864, after having served in the Civil war with the Seventieth Indiana Infantry as a private. In Wayne county he engaged in agricultural pursuits and became a successful farmer in the cultivation of his land. He was a republican in politics and actively interested in the issues of his party. He died in Wayne county in 1883. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Steele were five children, three sons and two daughters.

Charles W. Steele was educated in the country school in the vicinity of his father's farm in Wayne county. In 1880 he graduated from Simpson College and for a year after his graduation attended law school at the same institution of learning. Subsequently he read law under Judge W. F. Howell, of Corydon, and successfully passed the bar examination in 1882, immediately engaging in practice. He has since continuously followed his profession in Corydon and since 1894 has been in partnership with Lewis Miles. In the course of years the firm has built up an extensive practice and Mr. Steele's services are in heavy demand. He is alert of mind and the conclusions which he draws are logical, while by his clear and precise diction he makes himself easily understood before judge and jury. Whatever case he takes in hand he gives his most careful attention and consideration and it may be said to be proverbial that if one entrusts his case with Mr. Steele a favorable ending may be predicted if by points of law success may be assured.

In 1890 Mr. Steele was married to Emma W. Wright, a daughter of Samuel Jacob and Elizabeth (France) Wright, of Maryland. Mr. Steele's ability as lawyer was recognized when he was called upon to serve as first county attorney of Wayne county. His active connection with the law, however, does not by any means demand all of his attention, for Mr. Steele has become widely interested in the banking business in this city and at present serves in the important office of president of the First National Bank, which was organized in February, 1912, to succeed the Citizens State Bank. This latter organization was founded in 1882 by C. W. Steele, C. Holliday, C. H. Lord, James Alexander, W. S. Sproatt and others. The first capitalization was authorized for sixty thousand dollars, but in 1894 the stock of the bank was reduced to thirty thousand dollars, which in 1900 again was increased to sixty thousand dollars fully paid up. The surplus was added from year to year to the bank's resources until the capital and surplus on January 1, 1906, reached one hundred thousand dollars. The capital of the First National Bank, which took the place of the Citizens State Bank, was seventy-five thousand dollars fully paid up. The Citizens State Bank erected its own building in 1890 and the First National Bank has since occupied their quarters and purchased the bank building. C. W. Steele was the president of the Citizens State Bank from its organization and now serves as the president of the First National Bank with circumspection, guiding the policies of the bank conservatively. In his long career as a banker he has not only obtained prosperity for himself but has been instrumental in contributing to the growth and development of the city by extending credit at the right time to help establish new industries, while by careful investment of the bank's resources he has gained the confidence of its stockholders and depositors. The fraternal relations of Mr. Steele are with the Masonic order, in which organization he holds membership in the blue lodge and the commandery. His work as lawyer and banker

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has been of great benefit to the community in which he makes his home and, while he has attained financial independence for himself, he has also greatly contributed to the welfare and upbuilding of his city and the surrounding country and its people.

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### GEORGE W. McKINLEY.

Throughout the years of an active business career and in every relation of life George W. McKinley enjoyed the confidence and friendship of all with whom he came in contact. In the truest sense of the word he was a successful man, for his life measured up to the full standard of honorable manhood in all things and his death was the occasion of deep sorrow and widespread regret. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, August 6, 1852, and was a son of Wiloughby and Elizabeth (Carter) McKinley, also natives of Ohio, the father born in Belmont county, April 23, 1821, and the mother in Guernsey county. Both have passed away. The father died in Humeston in 1896 and the mother July 12, 1885. Three children were born to their union: John R., who resides in Rialto, California; Mrs. Rachael Taylor, of Humeston; and George W., of this review.

The last named was eleven years of age when he came with his parents to Richman township and settled upon a farm, where he grew to manhood. He attended the district schools and when not engaged with his books aided his father in the cultivation of the fields. With characteristic energy he devoted himself to his duties so steadfastly and earnestly that his efforts were rewarded by a comfortable fortune, enabling him to retire from active life. His wealth was always wisely and judiciously used and many beneficial and charitable causes profited by his liberal contributions. No project or measure for the benefit of the county sought his aid in vain. He cooperated heartily in every movement for the public good, giving generously of his time and means, his labors being of the practical character which made his efforts result in great good.

On the 24th of December, 1879, Mr. McKinley married Miss Clara V. Porter, who was born in Vinton county, Ohio, January 26, 1862. Her parents, James W. and Nancy (Alvin) Porter, were natives of Ohio, the former born in Vinton county and the latter in Guernsey county, and they came to Iowa among the earlier settlers, establishing their residence in Wayne county in 1865. In the family were three children: Ira, who lives in Clay township; Mrs. McKinley; and Harvey, who lives upon the homestead in Clay township. To Mr. and Mrs. McKinley were born two sons and a daughter. The eldest, James W., was born on the 19th of September, 1880, and after completing the course in the Humeston high school attended Humeston College and later Ames College, where he remained for one year. Afterward he studied pharmacy, graduating from the College of Pharmacy of Iowa City University. He is at present conducting a drug business at Sanborn, Iowa, and is meeting with gratifying success. Nellie was born on the 15th of September, 1882, and after graduating from the Humeston high school attended Drake University for two years. She

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married N. T. Moore, who was for ten years cashier of the Humeston State Bank. The youngest child born to Mr. and Mrs. McKinley is Leo G., whose birth occurred on December 8, 1889. He was graduated from the Humeston high school and from Drake University and was afterward cashier of the Humeston State Bank for six months. He resigned this position in order to accept an office in the legal department of the Keokuk Power Company and through successive stages of progress and advancement he has risen in this field of labor until he is now the assistant attorney of the corporation. Mrs. McKinley is a devout member of the Christian church, to which organization her husband belonged during his life, and she belongs to Radiant Chapter, No. 30, O. E. S., of Humeston. She is well known socially in the city, where her many charming and attractive qualities have gained her a wide circle of friends.

Mr. McKinley was one of the most active religious workers in this section of Wayne county. His father was one of the founders of the Christian church of Humeston and he himself was a regular attendant of that church, presiding at the Lord's table for over twenty-five years. Fraternally he belonged to Fidelity Lodge, No. 228, A. F. & A. M., and to Radiant Chapter, No. 30, O. E. S. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party. Mr. McKinley's death occurred in Humeston on the 16th of December, 1909, and was felt as a distinct loss throughout the section in which he had lived so many years. Upon the history of Wayne county he left the impress of his powerful and vital personality and to his children the record of an honorable and upright life and an untarnished name.

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#### H. T. SMITH, M. D.

Dr. H. T. Smith is a prominent and successful member of the medical profession now engaged in general practice in Humeston. He is also taking an important though unostentatious part in public affairs, advocating and supporting all measures for the upbuilding and development of his section of the county along lines of material, intellectual and moral progress. He is a native of Ohio, born in Stark county, July 25, 1870, a son of Jacob and Amanda (Teeple) Smith, natives of the same section, who now reside in Humeston. In their family were two sons: Edson B., born in Stark county, Ohio, September 21, 1863, who is residing on the home farm near Harvard, Jackson township; and Dr. H. T., of this review. The grandparents on both sides of this family were natives of Pennsylvania and pioneers in Ohio.

Dr. H. T. Smith acquired his early education in the public schools of Holmes county, Ohio, whither he had removed with his parents when he was still a boy. In 1890 the family settled near Harvard, in Wayne county, and Dr. Smith has been a resident of this section of Iowa since that time. He worked upon his father's farm for a year, but in 1891 entered the Central Normal University at Humeston and was graduated from the scientific department in 1893, having taught school during some of the intervening time in order to pay for his tuition. He had begun the study of medicine in Humeston and he later completed his medical course in the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons.

graduating with the class of 1897. Afterward he formed a partnership with Dr. George McCulloch, of Humeston, for the practice of his profession and is now a member of the oldest medical firm in the city, the partners enjoying a large and constantly increasing patronage. Dr. Smith is a wide reader and deep thinker and possesses a thorough knowledge of the underlying principles of his profession, keeping abreast of the most advanced thought by his reading and his individual research and investigation. He is a member of the County, State and American Medical Societies and conducts the medical examinations for a number of old line insurance organizations and many fraternal societies. He owns his own home in Humeston, which is modern and well appointed in every particular, and is also the proprietor of one hundred and twenty acres of fine land in Richman township, besides being a director in the Humeston State Bank.

In December, 1899, Dr. Smith married Miss Myrna Angel, who passed away on July 21, 1900. On the 9th of April, 1902, Dr. Smith was again married, his second wife being Miss Carrie May Findley, who was born in Allerton, Iowa, March 13, 1882. In this state she grew to womanhood and was graduated from the Allerton high school with the class of 1900, after which she taught school until her marriage. Her father, George Findley, a native of Ohio, was born in 1857, and passed away in 1887. Mrs. Smith's mother, Hannah Roekwell, was born August 19, 1856, and died in Allerton July 8, 1903. Both parents were among the early settlers of Wayne county. In their family were three children, all of whom were born and reared in Allerton, namely: Carrie May, the wife of the subject of this review; Orr S., who resides in Seymour; and James, who passed away in May, 1907. To Dr. and Mrs. Smith have been born two daughters: Clara Evelyn, whose birth occurred on the 29th of January, 1903; and Erma Maurine, born September 3, 1904. Both are attending the public schools. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Christian church of Humeston.

Fraternally Dr. Smith is affiliated with Fidelity Lodge, No. 228, A. F. & A. M.; the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, and the Homesteaders. He gives his allegiance to the democratic party and has taken quite a prominent part in public affairs although he has never been desirous of official preferment. However, he has been for some time a member of the school board and is acting as health officer. He has lived in Wayne county for over twenty years and during that time his enterprising spirit has made him an important factor in the general upbuilding.

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#### DR. EDWIN BURCHETT.

Dr. Edwin Burchett, who since 1903 has practiced medicine in Seymour, Iowa, has in the course of the ten years he has been engaged in his profession in this city built up a practice which extends to all classes of people in the city and surrounding country. His services are given freely and indiscriminately to rich or poor, wherever his help is needed, and by his knowledge and experience he has guided many a patient through crisis and brought him back to health. To most of his patients Dr. Burchett is not only a physician but is



more than that—he is a friend and adviser and by his kindly yet decisive way he instills that confidence and assurance of results which is half the cure, for he well knows that all medical knowledge and all medicines are but poor, ineffectual mediums if they are not helped along by the personality of the man who inspires his patient with a desire to become well, keeps alive in him hope to recover and brings to him the supreme confidence of an ultimate happy outcome. Dr. Burchett was born in Van Buren county, this state, July 2, 1879, and is a son of E. J. and Louisa (Roby) Burchett, the father a native of Ohio and the mother of Indiana. The father was a son of B. B. Burchett, whose parents died when he was but a child. He was born in Virginia of French descent, made his home in Michigan and Ohio for some time and at an early age came to Iowa, where his son E. J., the father of our subject, and Louisa Roby were subsequently married. The grandfather first located in Van Buren county where he passed most of his life, although he died in Davis county. E. J. Burchett, the father of our subject, always followed agricultural pursuits which ultimately brought him prosperity. In 1909 he went to Appanoose county, where he has since made his home. In his political views he is a democrat and his religious faith finds expression in membership in the Methodist church. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Burchett had one child, our subject.

Dr. Edwin Burchett was reared and spent his boyhood days in a well-to-do home and in early life attended the country schools in the vicinity of his father's farm. Although he was brought up among agricultural surroundings he saw a higher aim in life in following one of the professions and decided on that of medicine as the one to which he would like to devote his services. He became a student at the Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons and graduated from that institution in 1903, starting in practice in Seymour in the latter part of that year, and here he has since remained. Dr. Burchett can look back with pride upon ten years of successful practice in his line and many are his patients who place in him implicit faith and would trust no other with their most precious possession—their health. During his later years Dr. Burchett has busied himself more or less along the line of surgery and there are notable operations to his credit which he performed in this county. Outside of his private practice he also acts as the local surgeon for the Rock Island Railroad Company. In addition to his professional labors he is identified with the interests of the community as one of the founders and promoters of the Peoples Savings Bank, of which he is vice president. In this connection he has proved himself a man of insight into financial conditions, a man of initiative and yet of conservative judgment.

Dr. Burchett married on the 1st of June, 1909, Miss Mary Kirby, a member of a well known family of Seymour. He is democratic in his politics and is interested in his party although his arduous duties along professional lines have precluded any active participation in public affairs. His fraternal relations are with the blue lodge of Masons and he is also a Shriner and a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He keeps in touch with the trend of the times along professional lines and with the latest of discoveries and methods in the world of medical science through the medium of his membership in the county, city and national medical societies and also as a member of the American Association of Railway Surgeons. Mrs. Burchett is a member of the



Methodist church. Dr. Burchett is successful in the true sense of the word. A man unusually broad-minded and intelligent, he is of wide experience and never mercenary or grasping and has become a factor for good along his specific line in the community. Wherever his help is needed he gives the best he has in him. To get a foothold along medical lines and to make advancement is proverbially slow, but he has demonstrated his ability as each year his practice has grown in volume and by his sterling qualities of character he has won the high regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### WILLIAM M. LARIMER.

William M. Larimer, controlling important lumber interests in Russell, has been a resident of Lucas county since 1851 and is a representative of a well known pioneer family. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1847, and is a son of Hugh and Nancy Larimer, natives of that section. The parents came overland in the spring of 1851 and they settled in Iowa, in what was then Chariton township, Lucas county, in April, 1851. The father was a member of the board of supervisors when the name of the township was changed and on section 35 he engaged in general farming until his death, which occurred January 27, 1884. He had long survived his wife, who died in Lucas county, September 13, 1865. Eleven children were born to their union, as follows: Mrs. Mary Gobel-Lodge, who was born January 8, 1841, and who resides in South Dakota; Isabel, whose birth occurred November 28, 1843, and who died in Lucas county, February 13, 1883; Mrs. Martha Morris, who was born November 17, 1845, and who resides at Abingdon, Illinois; William M., of this review; Eli, who was born March 16, 1849, and who died August 9th, of the same year. Alexander, born in Noble county, Indiana, and now residing in Webster City, Iowa; LeRoy, who was born March 25, 1853, and who resides on a farm in Lincoln township; Mrs. Laura Sophia Delano, whose birth occurred April 24, 1855, and who died June 6, 1908; Joseph Henry, whose birth occurred May 3, 1857, and who died December 22, 1886; Wilson A., who was born March 13, 1860, and who resides in Cedar township; and Mrs. Margaret Shirer, born September 16, 1862, now of Chariton. William M. Larimer is a grandson of Hugh Larimer, who was born March 9, 1780, and who died in November, 1858. He was twice married. On the 10th of May, 1803, he wedded Miss Jane Shannon, who was born in May, 1782, and who died January 5, 1817. To this union were born the following children: Martha; Mary C., born March 21, 1805; Samuel, October 1, 1806; Thomas, February 27, 1809; John, June 24, 1811; John, the second of the name, born October 3, 1812; and Jane S., born November 23, 1814. After the death of his first wife Hugh Larimer was again married, wedding on the 25th of November, 1817, Miss Nancy McDowell. They became the parents of the following children: Hugh, the father of the subject of this review, born November 28, 1818; Alexander, born February 19, 1820; James J., born July 19, 1822; William McDowell, April 19, 1824; Eli Coulter, May 29, 1826; Wilson K., October 27, 1828; George S., March 29, 1832; Cyrus, November 10, 1833; Nancy, August 17, 1835; Joseph, August 1, 1837; Eliza McDowell,

April 14, 1839; Noah, April 28, 1841; and Catharine, born January 8, 1844, residing at Ness City, Kansas.

William M. Larimer was four years of age when he came with his parents to this county and he grew to manhood here, acquiring his education in the district schools. On May 19, 1864, he enlisted in the Union army and served one hundred days, receiving his honorable discharge September 23, 1864. He returned to Lucas county and engaged in farming, following that occupation until about the year 1882, when he moved into Russell, where he became connected with lumber interests. He has remained identified with the lumber business here since that time and today controls an important patronage and is ranked with representative and progressive business men of the city.

Mr. Larimer has been twice married. He wedded first, on November 24, 1868, Miss Eliza Jane Hall, who was born in Peoria county, Illinois, June 9, 1848. She came to Lucas county at an early day and died in Russell, Iowa, February 21, 1883. She was a daughter of Thomas and Jennie (Maple) Hall, both of whom have passed away. They were the parents of five children: Mrs. Larimer, first wife of the subject of this review; George, who resides in Peoria county, Illinois; and Tracy, Joseph and Catharine, deceased. By his first wife Mr. Larimer became the father of five children: Mrs. Etta Russell, who was born September 24, 1869, and who resides in St. Joseph, Missouri; Charles L., who was born August 17, 1871, and who makes his home in Russell; Emma, who was born August 24, 1873, and who died March 17, 1874; Mrs. Jessie Hatcher, who was born December 27, 1871, and who resides in El Paso, Texas; and Harry B., who was born March 22, 1877, and who died January 22, 1908. On the 13th of January, 1885, Mr. Larimer was again married, his second union being with Miss Anna Marks, who was born in Hennepin, Illinois, April 10, 1852. Her parents came overland to Mills county, Iowa, at an early day. Both have passed away.

Mr. Larimer is connected fraternally with the Russell post of the Grand Army of the Republic and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has resided in this county since his childhood and has become widely known here, his business integrity, his progressive spirit and his genuine personal worth having gained him the respect and esteem of all who come in contact with him.

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#### LEWIS MILES.

Lewis Miles can look back upon forty years of active experience in the profession of the law in Wayne county and has attained a position of prominence among the members of the bar. Since 1891 he has practiced in partnership with C. W. Steele, and the law business transacted by the firm is of most extensive proportions. Mr. Miles was born in Marion county, Ohio, June 30, 1845, and is a son of William and Emily (Welch) Miles. The mother's family were old Vermont settlers. William Miles came with his family to Wayne county, Iowa, April 30, 1853, and took up government land, for which he had made entry in 1851. At that time there were only four log houses in the locality where he



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settled and the nearest market was Alexandria, Missouri. He was here successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, December 26, 1879, excepting the years 1857 and 1858, during which time he was also engaged in the mercantile business. The mother passed away on October 11, 1865. Both were members of the Freewill Baptist church. Of their family seven children grew to maturity, while two died in infancy, and our subject is the eldest member of the family.

Lewis Miles was reared at home under pioneer conditions and received his first education in a log schoolhouse in Corydon, Iowa. He went for one year to school in North Scituate, Rhode Island, and in 1865 graduated from Bryant & Stratton Commercial College in Chicago. Having supplemented his education by careful reading and study, he took up the profession of teaching and was so engaged in Corydon for about two and a half years, at the end of which time he read law under General Glasgow and prepared himself for the bar examination. On October 20, 1868, he was admitted to the bar, but in the following years from 1869 to 1871 engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1872 he began the actual practice of law in partnership with J. N. McClanahan and after this partnership was dissolved he became associated with W. H. Tedford, remaining in this connection until 1879, when Mr. Freeland became his partner, who remained with him in business until 1893. Since August 1, 1894, he has practiced in partnership with C. W. Steele and this firm has ever enjoyed a wide reputation and an extensive clientage. Mr. Miles has conducted many important cases to successful issue and has handled much of the litigation arising in the city and in the surrounding country. He is well read in the law, forceful in argument and prepares his cases and briefs carefully. By his long years of experience he has become one of the most prominent members of the bar not only in his city and county, but in the state of Iowa, and his ability along legal lines found recognition in his appointment to the important office of United States district attorney on November 27, 1889, in which capacity he served until January 1, 1894. In 1898 he was reappointed to the same office and he again served in the same position from 1902 to 1907, being in all for thirteen years the incumbent in this position. In 1897 he was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of the United States.

On February 20, 1868, Mr. Miles married Miss Mary D. Robb, a daughter of William and Rebecca Robb, of Wayne county, and of this union were born four children: William E., who is engaged in mercantile pursuits; Charles B., who is also engaged in commercial lines; Winifred, the wife of H. H. Carter; and Lois, who married D. W. Jackson.

Mr. Miles has been an active factor in the local councils of the republican party. He has always taken great interest in political affairs and as early as October, 1869, was elected to the state legislature from his district. In 1879 he was a candidate for the state senate, but was defeated at this election. Being nominated in 1883 on his party's ticket for the same position, he was elected and served in the upper house of the Iowa legislature from 1883 until 1887. He secured the passage of a number of important measures which were of great benefit to his district, and his work while at the capital was generally of an important and effective character. In 1880 he served in the capacity of presidential elector. Mr. Miles' life work has been successful in the truest sense of the word. He is broad-minded and tolerant and readily discriminates between



the essential and non-essential points as they come up in his work. He takes the same interest in promoting public affairs that he gives to his private practice and he has done much that redounds to his credit to benefit the city in which he makes his home. He has been actuated by a laudable ambition to succeed from his early youth and this ambition and his undaunted energy have carried him to success.

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### GEORGE PARKIN.

Well known as one of the prosperous agriculturists of Union township, Lucas county, and prominent in the public life of his township, George Parkin is to be ranked with its foremost citizens. He was born in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1859, and is a son of Joseph and Ann (Newsome) Parkin, both natives of England. The father was born in that country in 1827 and with his wife came to America in 1856. In 1878 the family removed to Union township, Lucas county, and there the father was successful until his death, which occurred in November, 1908. His wife has also passed away, her demise having occurred in Union township in August, 1902. Both were highly esteemed and respected in this locality for their many admirable qualities of mind and character. In their family were five children, of whom four died in infancy, the subject of this review being the only surviving member.

George Parkin was educated largely in Pennsylvania and in 1878, when nineteen years of age, came with his parents to Union township, Lucas county, where they located on April 12th, and has resided here ever since. While in Pennsylvania members of the family had found employment in the woolen mills but since coming to Iowa they have ever been engaged in farming and stock-raising and it is this occupation which has brought Mr. Parkin success. Although his educational advantages in his native state were meager he has learned much by reading and studied deeply in the university of life. Applying himself industriously to his purpose, he brought his one hundred and sixty acres farm on section 21 to a high state of cultivation and now also owns forty acres on section 19 and ten acres on section 5, all in Union township. His buildings are substantial and his residence is comfortable, while the most modern machinery can be found upon the place. He engages in general farming and also gives considerable attention to stock-raising.

In November, 1881, Mr. Parkin was united in marriage to Miss Laura Sprott, who was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, on January 28, 1858. Her parents were Joseph and Frances (Brown) Sprott, natives of Pennsylvania, where they were born July 30, 1826, and April 24, 1830, respectively. The father was attending Rush Medical College of Chicago when the news of the California boom struck that city and he left his studies and traveled overland to California but later returned by way of Panama over the same route where now the Panama canal is being constructed. On his second trip west he located in Union township, near the old Westfall homestead, and there remained successfully engaged in agriculture until his death. He passed away in July in August, 1903, and his wife survived him for about two years, her demise occurring in Union town-

ship on April 23, 1905. In their family were six children, as follows: Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, residing south of Chariton; Mrs. Jean Chapman, of Derby; Mrs. George Parkin; Mrs. Kate Robinson, whose home is in White Breast township; Mrs. Alice Washburn, of Union township; and Thomas, deceased. The three older children were born in Van Buren county and the three younger in Union township, Lucas county. The Sprott family is one of the oldest and most prominent in Union township and the name has ever been held in high esteem. Mr. and Mrs. Parkin have become the parents of seven children: Joseph, born September 5, 1882, who resides in Union township; Mrs. Grace Thorne, born August 30, 1884, who also resides in Union township; Mrs. Annie Barger, born October 15, 1888, who also makes her home in this township; Nellie, born December 4, 1891, who resides with her parents; Mabel, born October 19, 1894; Frances, born September 30, 1897; and Gerald, whose natal day was May 6, 1903. These children were all born on the old home farm in Union township.

His political convictions lead Mr. Parkin to support the republican party and he has always taken a deep interest in public affairs, having for eleven years served as township trustee and for ten years as treasurer of the school board. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Odd Fellows of Derby. A successful man along material lines and a factor in public life, his true achievement lies in the esteem and respect accorded him on account of those manly qualities of mind and character which have made possible his prosperity.

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#### F. T. McKIBBEN.

F. T. McKibben, dealing in real estate and conducting also a general insurance agency, has built up an extensive business, to which he devotes a great deal of his time and attention. His close application, his strong purpose, his conservative and honorable methods constitute the basis of a success which classes him today with the leading and representative business men of Humeston. He is a native of Iowa, born in Decatur county, his parents being John and Harriet (Hurd) McKibben, natives of Trumbull county, Ohio. The parents of our subject settled in Decatur county in 1857 and there resided for many years. The father is living at the present time in Humeston and is seventy-six years of age. His wife passed away in this city in 1895. They became the parents of six children: F. T., of this review; Mrs. Mary Ellen King, who lives in Humeston; Mattie, who passed away in the City of Mexico; Mrs. Belle Kirby, also of Humeston; Mrs. Elizabeth Richards, of the same city; and Orman, who resides on the old home farm in Decatur county.

F. T. McKibben was reared at home and grew to manhood upon his father's farm, attending the public schools of Garden Grove. When he laid aside his books he engaged in the mercantile business in Garden Grove for two years and later in Highpoint for ten years. He met with substantial success in this line and, carefully directing his interests, achieved results that were directly attributable to his enterprise and ready use of opportunity. In 1893 he removed to Humeston and here for some time carried on his former occupation, conducting

a general mercantile store for sixteen years. In 1909 he disposed of this enterprise and engaged in handling real estate, dealing in town property, both improved and unimproved, and in farming lands in the vicinity. In addition he is conducting a profitable insurance agency, representing some of the leading companies in the United States. In both connections he has secured a large clientage and is devoting his fine business ability and executive force to the further development of his interests.

In Humeston, in 1894, Mr. McKibben married Miss Jennie Wolverton, who was born at Highpoint, Decatur county, on the 4th of April, 1864. She acquired her education in the public schools of that locality and remained at home until she married. Her parents, Perry and Caroline (Miller) Wolverton, are both natives of Ohio but reside in Humeston. To their union were born two daughters: Mrs. Libby Canfield, residing at Fort Madison, Iowa; and Mrs. McKibben. Mr. and Mrs. McKibben also have two daughters, both born in Humeston: Harriet, whose birth occurred on the 18th of February, 1896, and who is now attending the Humeston high school; and Margaret, born December 10, 1903, who is attending public school. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They reside in a comfortable and attractive home and are well known and widely popular in social circles of the city.

Mr. McKibben gives his allegiance to the republican party and is in all matters of citizenship progressive, energetic and public-spirited. For a number of years he did able work as a member of the town council and at the present time is serving as president of the board of education. The salient features of his life command the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens, for he has met discouraging conditions with high confidence and quiet courage thus winning success. The qualities which he displays in relation to all matters of general interest mark him as a public-spirited citizen and his record is in all respects a credit to his resolution and his optimism.

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#### J. N. DICKS, M. D.

Dr. J. N. Dicks, who is a native of Iowa, has ever since he graduated been engaged in the practice of medicine at Cambria and is one of the oldest and most successful physicians of Wayne county. He was born in Independence township, Appanoose county, September 4, 1850, his parents moving there the year previous, and is a son of Samuel M. and Margaret Jane (Etter) Dicks. The father was born in Kentucky in 1816 and passed away in Appanoose county in 1878, while the mother, who was born in Indiana in 1832, died in Appanoose county in 1896, surviving her husband for eighteen years. In young manhood the father came to Iowa to make a prospective tour of the country and make himself acquainted with the agricultural possibilities, returning to Indiana, where he remained for two years. In 1849, however, he once more moved westward and entered land in Appanoose county, where he successfully followed agricultural pursuits until his death, being one of the early pioneers of that section. In their family were eight children as follows: Mrs. Mary Makin, residing in Appanoose county on the farm adjoining that on which she was

born; Dr. Dicks, of this review; Charles H., who, in May, 1906, passed away at Des Moines, Iowa; Oscar N., living in Appanoose county on the old home farm where he was born and reared; Hiram M., a resident of Monroe county, Iowa; Mrs. Sarah F. Cavett, who makes her home with the subject of this sketch; and Jacob Elmer and Ella C., twins, both residing in Appanoose county. The eldest of the children was born in Indiana but all the younger ones are natives of Appanoose county and there they were reared.

Dr. Dicks was reared under the parental roof on the old homestead and attended the schools of the neighborhood in the acquirement of an education. His early advantages along that line were such as were available under pioneer conditions when the country was still unsettled and settlements were sparse. Early in life there developed in him a bent toward a professional career and as he ripened in years he decided upon the medical profession as that for which he felt most adapted and subsequently attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, in pursuance of a professional education and graduated from that institution with the class of 1876. Having received his degree, he immediately began to practice at Cambria, where he has ever since remained. As the years have passed his clientage has increased and his reputation is such that the same is derived from a large surrounding territory. He is careful in diagnosis, but after he has come to a decision and has recognized the nature of a case is quick to apply the needed remedies. Capable, earnest and conscientious in the performance of his duties, he has during the long years of his practice demonstrated an ability which is far above the average, resulting in a practice which has made him prosperous. As his means have increased he has largely invested in valuable real estate and owns today two hundred and forty acres of fertile land, including eighty acres on section 29, as well as one hundred and sixty acres on section 33, all in Washington township, and on these he has two complete sets of improvements. Besides his beautiful home in Cambria he owns there two business properties and also another residence which he rents out, and, moreover, owns property of the same character in Corydon. From his various interests Dr. Dicks receives a gratifying income which, in connection with what his practice nets him, puts him in an independent financial position and has made him one of the substantial men in the locality.

In 1872 Dr. Dicks married, in Appanoose county, Miss Barthena Miner, a native of West Virginia, who passed away only two years after her marriage, in Monroe county, Iowa, in January, 1874. There was one daughter born of this union, Mrs. Effie M. Moore, on October 13, 1873, her husband being vice president of the Anchor Fire Insurance Company of Des Moines, where they reside. On April 3, 1879, the Doctor was again married, his second union being with Miss Jennie Nelson, a native of Washington township, this county, born August 7, 1856. She attended the public schools of her native county in the acquirement of an education and there grew to womanhood and spent her entire life. Her parents were John M. and Sarah (McCutcheon) Nelson, the former a native of Mason county, West Virginia, born September 4, 1834, and the latter born in Floyd county, Indiana, April 22, 1837. The parents became early pioneers of Wayne county, traveling overland in the primitive ways of the early days to this county in 1854, spending the remainder of their lives here, where both passed away, the death of the mother occurring March 20, 1901.



Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were the parents of nine children: Jennie, the wife of our subject; Rev. W. A. Nelson, born February 23, 1859, of Marble Rock, Iowa; Mrs. Frances A. Hickman, born August 30, 1861, residing in Clay township, this county; French L., born February 14, 1865, who passed away April 17, 1865; Mrs. Hester Donahue, born March 11, 1866, a resident of Mountain Valley, Kansas; Leonard, born February 21, 1868, who passed away at the age of six and a half years, October 13, 1874; Julius, born May 2, 1871, residing at Benedict, Kansas; Isaac, whose birth occurred January 16, 1876, residing in this county; and Vesta, born July 26, 1878, who died shortly before her first birthday, July 6, 1879. All of the children were natives of Wayne county and were reared here. Dr. and Mrs. Dicks are the parents of two children: Mrs. Bertha Wright, who was born in Cambria, October 21, 1880, and is now a resident of Corydon, Iowa; and Charles, born February 4, 1883, who is residing on the farm of his father near Cambria, Iowa, and managing the property for him.

The political affiliation of Dr. Dicks is with the democratic party and, although he has never found time or occasion to aspire to public office, he takes a laudable interest in all matters of public importance and has been a factor in general advancement and development in this section. The family are members of the Baptist church of Cambria, in the active work of which Dr. and Mrs. Dicks take great interest and to which they give their material and moral support. He has fraternal relations with the Yeomen, being connected with the lodge at Cambria, and also was formerly a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Thirty-seven years of active service as a physician have brought him in contact with most of the people in this district and there is no one who is more highly esteemed and respected than Dr. Dicks for his professional accomplishments as well as for his high qualities of character. There have been no spectacular phases in his life record but his has been a career devoted to his profession, in the course of which he has done perhaps more to help humanity and to alleviate sickness than any of his colleagues in the county. Successful in the truest sense of the word, he is unusually broad-minded, tolerant and kind and, never mercenary or grasping, he believes in something greater than mere material wealth and in the course of a long professional career, spent simply and unostentatiously, has been a powerful factor for good within the confines of his activity.

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#### CHARLES H. OEHLMAN.

Charles H. Oehlman is one of the extensive landowners and prosperous farmers of Union township, his holdings comprising four hundred and forty acres of valuable and productive land. He is a representative of one of the earliest pioneer families in this part of Iowa and has himself been a resident of the county since 1858. His birth occurred in Quincy, Adams county, Illinois, on the 18th of September, 1854, his parents being Charles and Dora (Tennis) Oehlman, both of whom were natives of Hanover, Germany, the former born on the 13th of February, 1822, and the latter on the 22nd of December in the



same year. The father emigrated to America in 1847 and located first near Quincy, Illinois, where he married. In 1858 he and his wife came overland to Lucas county, Iowa, where in Union township he had in 1854 entered land, securing the patent from President Pierce. This has remained the family homestead since that time and is now in possession of the subject of this review. The father, Charles Oehlman, died in Union township on the 15th of March, 1891, and his wife survived him until the 25th of October, 1908. The latter had been twice married and by her first husband had one son, Henry Burgdorf, a native of Germany, who makes his home in Oklahoma. Unto Charles and Dora (Tennis) Oehlman were born the following children: Mrs. Louisa Dickinson, who was born in Illinois and now resides in Seattle, Washington; Charles, of this review; Mrs. Emma West, of Conway, Iowa; Mrs. Lydia McMains; Mrs. Frances Morey, who is a resident of Gordon, Nebraska; Mrs. Margaret Penick, of Derby, Iowa; and Mrs. Doris Hewitt, living in Gordon, Nebraska.

Charles H. Oehlman was only four years of age when he came with his parents to Lucas county, and he has since been a resident of this part of Iowa. He was reared upon his father's farm and acquired his education in the district school, dividing his time between his studies and work in the operation of the homestead. This property eventually came into his possession and is now his home, its four hundred and forty acres comprising one of the most valuable and productive farms in this county. It is provided with two good sets of improvements and Mr. Oehlman, being a practical and progressive farmer has installed labor-saving machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. Everything about the place is in excellent condition and the farm annually yields abundant harvests.

On the 12th of September, 1897, Mr. Oehlman was united in marriage to Miss Cora Herring, who was born in Warren county, Iowa, January 13, 1867, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Malcolm) Herring, the former a native of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, born June 20, 1837, and the latter of Lee county, Iowa, born November 22, 1843. The Malcolm family settled in Lee county in the same year that Iowa became a state—1846—and were numbered among the earliest settlers there. Robert Herring moved to Warren county with his father's family in 1854 and from there he enlisted in the Union army for service in the Civil war. He joined Company H, Thirty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Regiment, and was at the front three years, being mustered out March 13, 1866. With a creditable military record he returned to Warren county and remained there until March, 1867, when he moved to Lucas county, where his death occurred October 18, 1900. His wife passed away in Union township, October 10, 1911. In their family were seven children: Mrs. Oehlman, wife of the subject of this review; Clarence, born July 8, 1869, who resides at Greybull, Wyoming; Mrs. Anna Ekleberry, who was born October 10, 1872, and who resides at Hardin, Montana; William H., who was born May 24, 1876, and who makes his home in Warren township; Mrs. E. M. Parkin, whose birth occurred April 14, 1880, and who resides in Union township; Mrs. Frances Holteen, who was born May 17, 1884, and who makes her home in Hardin, Montana; and Roy, who was born August 2, 1887, and who died October 24, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Oehlman became the parents of two children, Louise, who was born September 13, 1898, and who is attending high school at Derby; and Charles Herman, who was

born May 29, 1900, and who died November 18, 1902. These children were both born on the old Oehlman homestead in Union township.

Mr. Oehlman gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is active in public affairs, taking an intelligent interest in the advancement and development of the locality where he has so long made his home. He was for twenty years road supervisor and for five years township trustee and discharged the duties of these positions with ability and energy. Since November 10, 1875, he has been connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he is well known in the affairs of the local branch of the organization. His wife is a member of the Rebekah lodge at Derby and is at present acting as district deputy. Both are representatives of old and well known families of Lucas county and have an extensive acquaintance within its borders.

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### WILLIAM THEODORE STEARNS.

William Theodore Stearns, an honored and representative citizen of Lucas county, who died at his home in Russell on the 7th of February, 1911, was born at Ashland, Ashland county, Ohio, in December, 1833. He grew to manhood in his native county, remaining there until 1852, when he came overland to Iowa, settling in Cedar county, where he followed carpentering. Afterward he went back to Ohio and made a journey down the Ohio river to St. Louis, thence to Muscatine, and from there to Cedar county. Mr. Stearns engaged in carpentering for some time, eventually moving to Missouri, where he was residing at the outbreak of the Civil war. He enlisted in the Third Missouri Cavalry, serving three years and seven months, after which he received his honorable discharge with the rank of sergeant. He returned after the war to Missouri, where he followed the carpenter's trade until he moved to Russell, remaining an honored and respected resident of Lucas county to the time of his death, which occurred on the 7th of February, 1911.

At Mechanicsville, Iowa, on the 1st of January, 1868, Mr. Stearns was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Comstock, who was born in Cedar county, November 19, 1846, and who grew to womanhood there, attending the common schools. Her parents, Daniel F. and Lavina (Robinson) Comstock, were early settlers in Cedar county. The father was born in New York, March 24, 1824, and died in Russell, October 5, 1885. His wife, who was born in Ohio, May 28, 1826, died at Mechanicsville, Iowa, August 11, 1865. Eight children were born to their union, as follows: Lorano, whose birth occurred August 19, 1845, and who died in infancy; Mrs. Stearns, wife of the subject of this review; Daniel Allen, who was born January 31, 1849, and who resides at Walla Walla, Washington; Mrs. Celesta Elizabeth Sears, who was born June 12, 1852, and who resides in Forest Grove, Oregon; Mrs. Hannah Morgan, who was born October 5, 1854, and who died at Forest Grove, Oregon; and Maybelle, who was born November 22, 1862, and who died in infancy. Two other children born to Mr. and Mrs. Comstock passed away in childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Stearns had three children: Clarence Mammie, who was born at Monticello, Missouri, November 6, 1868, and who resides at Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Katie Elizabeth Kaufman, who



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was born May 4, 1876, and who resides at Stratford, Hamilton county, Iowa; and George Clayton, who was born August 5, 1886, and who resides at Grass Valley, Oregon. Mrs. Stearns survives her husband. She is a member of the Presbyterian church of Russell and exemplifies its teachings in her life, holding the esteem and confidence of many friends.

Mr. Stearns was a member of the Russell Post of the Grand Army of the Republic and thus kept in touch with his comrades of fifty years ago. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party but he never sought nor desired public office. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, he won the regard and respect of those with whom he came in contact and his death was deeply mourned by a large circle of friends.

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### ADOLPH D. MCGUIRE.

Adolph D. McGuire is the editor of the Humeston New Era and junior partner in the firm of Sanford & McGuire, who are the publishers of the paper and the proprietors of one of the finest general printing establishments in southern Iowa. He is a native of Wayne county, born in Clay township, February 23, 1885, a son of J. F. and Cynthia (Surbaugh) McGuire, also natives of the same section, who are now residing in Humeston. In their family are three children, all of whom were born and reared in Wayne county. They are: Adolph D., of this review; Carleton Monroe, who resides on the home farm in Clay township; and Cleo, who resides with her parents in Humeston.

Adolph D. McGuire acquired his education in the public schools of Clay township and attended the high school at Humeston. Later he completed a business course in the Capital City Commercial College of Des Moines and thus received a thorough and efficient education. He has been active in business since the age of fourteen, when he left the farm and secured employment as a clerk in the store conducted by F. T. McKibben, of Humeston. After completing his education he engaged in the grocery business for himself for two years and in this venture met with an unusual degree of success. On the 1st of October, 1907, he formed a partnership with his father-in-law, Hector Sanford, in the printing business, operating under the firm name of Sanford & McGuire, and assumed the editorship of the New Era. He has made this an excellent newspaper and in its editorial columns supports firmly all measures for the general benefit of the community, making the paper very influential as a director of public thought and opinion. Mr. McGuire has proved himself a capable and reliable business man and in the discharge of the duties which fall to his lot exhibits constantly the energetic, enterprising and progressive spirit upon which his success is founded. The firm of Sanford & McGuire does all kinds of printing and conducts an establishment which is modern, up-to-date and thoroughly equipped in every particular.

On December 11, 1906, Mr. McGuire was united in marriage to Miss Marsalete Sanford, who was born in Humeston, March 25, 1883, and who acquired her education in the public schools of her native city, where she grew to womanhood. Her father, Hector Sanford, a partner in the firm of Sanford & Mc-



Guire, was born in Montezuma, Iowa, April 4, 1854, and when he had laid aside his books entered the printing business, becoming identified with this line of work at the age of eleven years and following it constantly since that time. For one year he conducted a paper at Lacona and for a time was employed in the Acres-Blackmer printing establishment at Burlington. He is a skilled and expert printer and journalist, having learned his trade on the old Leon Pioneer, which is now the Leon Reporter. At the present time he is senior member of the firm of Sanford & McGuire, general printers and publishers of the Humeston New Era. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Anna Gustafson, was born in Sweden, November 10, 1858. Both the Sanford and McGuire families live in a beautiful home in Fairview, the finest residential section of Humeston, and they have many warm friends in the city, being well known in social circles. All are members of the Congregational church of Humeston.

Fraternally Mr. McGuire is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, while Mr. Sanford belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge. Mr. McGuire's political views are in accord with the principles of the democratic party. He is a member of the Volunteer Fire Department of Humeston and in all matters of citizenship is public spirited and progressive, being numbered among the prominent and able men of this community.

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#### F. BIRD FRY.

As cashier of one of the foremost financial institutions of Corydon, F. Bird Fry occupies an important position. Many are the duties of a bank cashier and the position is such as to demand many high qualities and a clear judgment in extending credit, making investments and generally managing the affairs of a financial institution. Mr. Fry has occupied the position of cashier of the First National Bank since its organization in February, 1912, and was cashier of the Citizens State Bank, of which the First National is the successor, from March, 1909.

Frantz Bird Fry was born in Wayne county, Iowa, on the 2d of March, 1875, and is a son of Francis R. and Carrie M. (Kellogg) Fry. They were early Iowa settlers, to which state the father's family came in 1857 and the mother's in 1865. Frantz Bird Fry was educated in the district schools and graduated from the Corydon high school with the class of 1895. For two years thereafter he attended college at Grinnell, Iowa. When the Spanish-American war broke out and a call was sent forth for volunteers he enlisted in the Fiftieth Iowa Infantry, April 29, 1898, and was mustered in on May 17th of the same year. He remained with his regiment until November 30, 1898, when he was mustered out at Des Moines. On January 1, 1899, Mr. Fry became connected with the banking business as assistant cashier of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, of which he was made cashier on February 1, 1904, and served in that capacity until January 1, 1907. In April of that year he was appointed receiver of the Farmers & Drovers State Bank of Seymour and discharged his arduous and important duties in that capacity with great circumspection and ability. In March, 1909, he was called to the position of cashier of the Citizens

State Bank of Corydon and on the organization of the First National Bank remained in the same capacity with this institution. It can be truly said of him that his services have been of the utmost importance to the bank and that by his work the standing and resources of the institution have wonderfully increased. His judgment in matters of finance is clear and he knows how and where to extend credit, where the most profitable investment can be secured, and is generally well versed in all matters pertaining to finance. The First National Bank is the outcome of the Citizens State Bank, which was founded in 1882 with an authorized capital of sixty thousand dollars, which in January, 1894, was reduced to thirty thousand dollars. On account of growing business the bank increased its stock again to sixty thousand dollars, fully paid up, in 1900, and as a surplus was added thereto from year to year the capital and surplus reached, in January, 1906, the formidable figure of one hundred thousand dollars. The First National Bank was organized in 1912, after taking over the resources of the Citizens State Bank, with a fully paid in capital of seventy-five thousand dollars, and its officers consist of: C. W. Steele, president; Lemuel Kimple, vice president; F. B. Fry, cashier; and J. T. Rodgers, assistant cashier. The board of directors consist of C. W. Steele, Lemuel Kimple, F. B. Fry, Belle B. Sproatt, W. E. Miles, J. A. Hogue and W. G. Walker.

On June 28, 1899, Mr. Fry was united in marriage to Emma C. Stromsten, of Corydon, who is a daughter of G. A. and Sophia Stromsten, natives of Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Fry have one son, Lawrence L., born November 22, 1902. Both are members of the Methodist church. Mr. Fry is public-spirited and has not only in the course of his position as cashier indirectly benefited the community and contributed to its growth, but has found time to actively participate in the municipal government as member of the town council. He has always interested himself in the matter of education and also served as a member of the school board for a time. By industry and energy he has found substantial reward in his labors and has made a creditable business record, having made steady progress in his line of work by the utilization of every opportunity as it presented itself. He is a man of strong character and recognized as a forceful element in the community, his sterling traits having won him the high regard and confidence of all with whom he has come into contact.

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#### T. F. LEMLEY.

Among the native sons of Lucas county who have gained well deserved success in business is numbered T. F. Lemley, operating a large garage in Russell. He was born in Washington township, October 8, 1876, and is a son of Jacob and Margaret (Bell) Lemley, the former a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Virginia. They came as pioneers to Washington township, making the journey overland and arriving in Lucas county when it was an unbroken prairie and Keokuk was the nearest trading center. Both have passed away, the father dying in Russell in 1907, at the age of seventy-four, and the mother in the same city in 1880 when she was forty-six years of age. There were nine children born to this union: L. D. of Russell; Mrs. Rachel Long of Idaho;

Elizabeth Morgan of Forest Grove, Oregon; Mrs. Rue Anderson of Washington; Lizzie Pierce of Greeley, Colorado; Mrs. Anna Warner of Missoula, Montana; Peter Lemley of Rapid City, South Dakota; Mrs. Dora Clodfelter of Wasco, Oregon; and T. F., of this review. After the death of his first wife Jacob Lemley married again and to the second union were born five children, as follows: Minnie, who married a Mr. Hillier, who resides in Minnesota; Mrs. Margaret Stewart of Lucas county, Iowa; Bertha, who resides in Lucas county and who is a teacher; Francis and Fern, both of whom live in Lucas county.

T. F. Lemley grew to manhood in Washington township, acquiring his education in the public schools and in Chariton Academy, which he attended for two years. After laying aside his books he followed farming for a number of years, accumulating two hundred acres of choice land in Washington township and two hundred acres in Monroe county. These farms he operated until 1910 and then moved to Russell and opened a garage, selling the Ford and Rambler automobiles. In addition to this he does general automobile repairing and has built up an extensive and profitable business. He still has valuable holdings in farming lands in this vicinity and has secured a comfortable competency.

Mr. Lemley is an independent democrat in his political beliefs and fraternally is connected with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A young man of energy, resource and ambition, he has become very successful in his business affairs and his future will undoubtedly be marked by continued and rapid progress.

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#### JOHN E. GARDNER.

John E. Gardner is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of fertile land in Washington township but he now resides in Cambria, where he has erected a modern home and devotes a considerable portion of his attention to the operation of a mill which he opened for grinding coarser food stuffs. He was born in McLean county, Illinois, in a log cabin near Sugar Creek, December 21, 1846, and is a son of Hiram and Rachel (Richards) Gardner. The father was born in Perry county, Ohio, and passed away in Tazewell county, Illinois, in April, 1870, while the mother, a native of Muskingum county, Ohio, survived until 1905, in which year she passed away at Cambria. In their family were six children, four of whom are living: John E., our subject; Benjamin F., a resident of Humeston; M. F., of Cambria; and Mrs. Mary E. Henline, of Oklahoma. Mrs. Martha Decker is deceased; and N. P. died in infancy. All of the children were born in McLean and Tazewell counties, Illinois, where the surviving members were reared. The parents were early settlers of that state. The maternal grandfather, Benjamin Richards, was one of the earliest settlers of Illinois and had the distinction of having seen George Washington on two different occasions.

John E. Gardner was reared under the parental roof and when a boy removed with his parents to Tazewell county, where he grew to manhood, assisting his father in the work of the farm. He there became acquainted with the best methods of agriculture, which later stood him in good stead and this knowledge was the foundation of his later success. In 1876 he left Illinois and removed to

Nebraska but later returned to the former state and there remained until 1892, when he purchased a farm one mile east of Humeston, in Richman township, Wayne county, Iowa. Having sold this in 1899 he bought two hundred and forty acres in Washington township, well improved, and he has since engaged largely in the cultivation and improvement of his property. He also gives considerable attention to the operation of a mill, the returns from which enterprise bring him a gratifying income. He is a man of sound judgment, energy and industry and through these qualities, in connection with the use of modern methods, he has attained prosperity and become one of the substantial men of his locality.

Mr. Gardner was twice married, his first union being with Miss Sarah M. Livesay, a native of Tazewell county, Illinois, where she subsequently passed away. The wedding took place in 1873 and three daughters were born thereof: Mrs. Paralee Davis, a resident of Cambria; Alba O., who resides with her parents at the same place; and Eva Minerva, of Des Moines, Iowa. Miss Alba O. Gardner was born in Nebraska but the other two daughters are natives of Illinois. After the death of his first wife Mr. Gardner was married, in February, 1892, to Miss Minnie M. Reemer, a native of Peoria county, Illinois, and a daughter of William and Matilda (Lobaugh) Reemer. Two children were born of this union: Jess, born in 1894, who is attending college at Iowa City; and Hiram Ray, who was born in 1895 and attends high school at Corydon.

Mr. Gardner is a progressive republican in his political affiliations and as a member of the school board has done efficient service in the cause of education. He also has been called upon to serve as trustee of Washington township, an office which he fills at this writing. All measures that stand for improvement along educational lines and are undertaken to uplift the young find in him a ready supporter who not only gives them his moral endorsement but is ever ready to extend material help when needed. Public-spirited and progressive, Mr. Gardner has become a force in local development and while he has attained individual success has been a helpful factor in general advancement as well. He has become recognized as a forceful element in this locality, having won by his sterling traits of character the high regard and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### MERLE W. BIXBY.

Merle W. Bixby, who is acting as foreman of the Old Colony Creamery, is one of the well known business men of Humeston and in addition is entitled to a place among worthy citizens because he is an honored veteran of the Spanish-American war. He was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, June 19, 1878, and is a son of Edgar and Eliza (Glines) Bixby, the former a native of Wisconsin and the latter of Vermont. Both have passed away, the father dying in 1881 and the mother in 1885. In this family were three children, Roy, Eugene and M. W. of this review.

The last named grew to manhood in Wisconsin and acquired his education in the public schools of Omro and Oshkosh. In 1898, at the age of twenty years,

he enlisted in Company D, Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and his company was mobilized at Chickamauga Park. He served five months and was with General Miles in Porto Rico. He returned to New York on the same boat which brought the general and his family—Transport No. 30, known as the Obdam. He was mustered out at Ripon, Wisconsin, on November 14, 1898, and immediately afterward became identified with the creamery business in that city. His ability gained him rapid success and wide recognition in his chosen line of work and he later came to Humeston as testman in the Old Colony Creamery. In June, 1911, he was promoted to the position of foreman and this he still holds. He understands the business thoroughly, is conscientious and able in the discharge of his duties and, therefore, ideally fitted for his position. His labor has been an important factor in the development of the concern and in its establishment among the leading enterprises of the town.

On the 5th of May, 1903, Mr. Bixby was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Bunker, who was born in Pine River, Wisconsin, on the 25th of May, 1881. She is a daughter of Julius H. and Keziah (Turville) Bunker, natives of Wisconsin, where they are residing at the present time. In their family are five children: Mrs. Alma Rodgers, who lives in Poy Sippi, Wisconsin; Mrs. Bixby, the wife of the subject of this review; John, who lives in Washington; Mrs. Harriet Baxter, of Berlin, Wisconsin; and Lucy, who is teaching school in Pine River and who makes her home with her parents. To Mr. and Mrs. Bixby have been born two children: Mildred, whose birth occurred at Onro, Wisconsin, March 13, 1904; and Irwin, born on the 13th of May, 1907. Both are attending school in Humeston.

Mr. Bixby gives his allegiance to the republican party and has served as chief of the volunteer fire department of Humeston, being in all matters of citizenship eminently public-spirited and progressive. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the Homesteaders Association and, while he has not yet purchased a home of his own, has made the one which he rents attractive and comfortable and welcomes to it the many friends which he possesses in this city. He is a wide and discriminating reader, fond of good literature, and owns one of the best selected libraries in this part of the state. He is in all relations of his life upright, straightforward and honorable and is a valuable addition to the ranks of Humeston's citizens.

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#### JAMES B. COMSTOCK.

Among the men who have come to be regarded as representative citizens and leading business men of Lucas county is numbered James B. Comstock, whose many fine qualities and progressive spirit entitle him to the high regard in which he is uniformly held. He was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, March 4, 1870, a son of Francis J. and Hannah J. (Wood) Comstock, the former of whom was born at Bentonsport, Iowa, November 17, 1837, and the latter at Agency City, Iowa, December 25, 1839. The family has been in Iowa since pioneer times, the grandfather having been the first member of the Iowa legis-



lature from Wapello county, while the grandmother served as interpreter for the Indians when the government had an agency at Agency City. Both parents were born in the state and grew to manhood and womanhood here. The mother passed away at Richland, Missouri, December 14, 1911, but the father survives and makes his home in Ochelata, Oklahoma. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having served as captain of Company D, Third Iowa Cavalry, and having been severely wounded at Pea Ridge. An uncle, James H. Comstock, also a Union volunteer, was wounded at Vicksburg. The Comstock family have always been prominent and well known in Iowa and in the early days the post office was for many years located at the grandfather's home in Wapello county. On the maternal side also Mr. Comstock represents an honored pioneer family, his maternal grandmother having been probably the first white child born in the state, her natal year being 1833. Her father was a western ranger and captain of a company and for many years held the title to a grant of three thousand acres of land in Texas, which he received as part payment for his services along the Brazos river. Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Comstock became the parents of four children: Mrs. Anna B. Moss, born October 16, 1864, who is residing at Hartshorn, Oklahoma; Mrs. Ada Belle Giffin, who was born February 26, 1867, and who is now residing at Ochelata, Oklahoma, her husband being principal of schools at that place; James B., of this review; and John Dorsey, who was born November 17, 1875, and is now residing at Hobart, Oklahoma.

James B. Comstock went to Richland township, Wapello county, with his parents in 1884. He attended the common schools and supplemented this by one year in the Still Osteopathic College of Des Moines. However, he never finished this course but laid aside his books and came to Jackson township, Lucas county, where he took up farming. For some time he engaged in the real-estate business in connection with his agricultural pursuits and is now centering his attention upon that line of work, in which he has already attained success. Being a man of sound judgment and discrimination and possessed of a comprehensive knowledge of land values, he has built up an extensive and profitable real-estate business and acquired a high standing among local business men as the head of one of the most flourishing offices of its kind in Lucas. On January 15, 1913, Mr. Comstock purchased in the city a restaurant business and this enterprise is conducted by his wife, who is an able and farsighted business woman and an excellent executive and manager.

On November 2, 1890, Mr. Comstock married Miss Fannie L. Sanders, who was born in Union township, Lucas county, March 13, 1871. She grew to womanhood in this section of the state, attending the pioneer schools, and has always been a resident of the county. Her parents, William and Annie E. (Castle) Sanders, were among the earliest settlers in this locality, where her father conducted the first sawmill and also the first gristmill in Union township, being for many years the only miller in this part of the state. He was a native of Hanover, Germany, born in 1821. He came to America in 1830 and died in Jackson township, December 5, 1904. He was twice married and by his first union had three children: Wesley H., who resides in Greeley, Colorado; Mrs. Minerva Trounman, of Fulton, Kansas; and Ella, who died at the age of twenty-nine. By his second union he had two daughters: Fannie L.,

now Mrs. James B. Comstock; and Mrs. Kate Nitchman, who was born February 27, 1873, and who is residing in Union township. This family was among the first to settle in Lucas county, having come here overland to Chariton when there were but two cabins in that community. There were no railroads and the nearest trading point was at Eddyville, where Mr. Sanders drove his live stock to be shipped to the eastern markets. Mrs. Comstock has aided her husband materially in the accomplishment of his success, not alone by her support and encouragement, but by active participation in his business affairs. She has made the enterprise of which she is at the head a profitable and important one, having built up by fair dealing and excellent management a liberal and representative patronage. She and her husband own in addition to the business interests before mentioned one hundred and forty-seven acres of good land on section 23, Jackson township, provided with all of the necessary improvements.

Mr. Comstock gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is a public-spirited and progressive citizen, although he never seeks public office. Fraternally he is connected with Lucas Lodge, No. 424, I. O. O. F., and Lucas Castle, No. 133, K. P. He is identified also with the Improved Order of Red Men, Wapello Tribe, No. 6. Mr. and Mrs. Comstock are well known and widely popular in Lucas, for their lives have been such as commend them to the confidence and high regard of all with whom they are brought in contact in social or business life.

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#### J. COE MOORE.

J. Coe Moore has attained prominence along agricultural lines in Wayne county, especially as raiser of Hereford cattle and Norman horses, and has also filled the position of county treasurer efficiently and satisfactorily since 1910. Mr. Moore was born in Washington county, Iowa, on the 13th of March, 1862, and is a son of John P. and Alvira (Coe) Moore, the former a native of Licking county, Ohio, and the latter of Missouri. The grandfather of our subject was Bruce Moore, who made his home in Ohio. John P. Moore came to Iowa during pioneer times in 1842 and located in Washington county, the mother's family coming from Missouri at about the same time, and they were married in Iowa. John P. Moore was a prosperous farmer in his day but also followed the profession of medicine. Later in life he moved to Wayne county, where he passed away on the 31st of March, 1882. The mother is also deceased. There were three children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Moore, Ida E., Iva A. and J. Coe, our subject.

The last named was reared at home and received a common-school education. Being brought up on his father's farm, he early became acquainted with agricultural pursuits and learned the details of successfully running a farm. In his young manhood he came to Wayne county, where he bought a farm in South Fork township, which he still owns. He has engaged in general agricultural pursuits but has made a specialty of stock-raising and has become well known as a breeder of high-grade Hereford cattle and Norman horses.



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In 1890 Mr. Moore was married to Miss Katie Easley, of Wayne county, a daughter of Daniel and Rachel (Newcomb) Easley, both natives of Indiana. Her father participated in the Mexican and the Civil wars. He was a farmer by occupation but was also active in the bridge building trade. Mr. and Mrs. Moore had four children: Muriel, deceased; and J. C., Kenneth R. and Eural, at home. The family are members of the Methodist church.

Mr. Moore is a democrat in his political views and in 1910 was elected to the office of county treasurer of Wayne county, which he has filled to the satisfaction of his constituents. He has also held various township offices during his residence in this district. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Of recent years he has removed to Corydon, where he owns a beautiful home. He has not only been an interested witness of the changes that have occurred here but has been helpful and cooperative in the general advancement. At all times he has been actuated by a laudable ambition, which has carried him forward to success. His industry and energy have found substantial reward in a most gratifying degree of prosperity and his life has been a busy and useful one.

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#### WILLIAM R. ALLISON.

Since 1907 William R. Allison has been proprietor of one of the largest retail hardware stores in Seymour and in its management has displayed an ability, resourcefulness and enterprising spirit which place him in the front ranks of leading business men of the city. He is a native of Ohio, born in Columbiana county, in 1866, and is a son of William G. and Mary (Beal) Allison. The mother of our subject died in 1869 and the father afterward removed to Illinois, where he married Miss Crow and made his home in Hamilton, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1903. William R. Allison did not go to Illinois but after the death of his mother made his home with his uncle, R. O. Allison, of Seymour, the latter being a son of W. B. Allison, of West Virginia. The family is of Irish origin but has been established in America since colonial times and can be traced back in a direct line from W. B. Allison to his father, Charles, and thence to his grandfather, James Allison, who served in the Revolutionary war.

William R. Allison of this review acquired a public-school education and in 1886 began his active career, engaging as a clerk in the hardware store conducted by L. L. Smith in Seymour. He has never left this line of work and in it has attained a success which comes of long familiarity and experience. When he resigned his position with Mr. Smith he went to Allerton and spent one year in that city before he engaged with Johnston & Tharp as a clerk in their hardware store. This connection he retained for ten years and then, in 1900, went to work for Roth & Richardson. He was active in their interests for seven years but in 1907 invested his savings in a business of his own, buying the hardware establishment belonging to E. A. Rea. He has since devoted his energies to the management of this concern and has proved himself a reliable and capable business man. He has a fine store, thirty-seven by one hundred and



forty feet, and a warehouse one hundred and forty by thirty-five feet and carries all kinds of hardware, implements and furniture. Everything about the place is kept in excellent condition, the lines of stock are complete and up-to-date and the service intelligent and directed by a spirit of courtesy. As a consequence Mr. Allison's business has extended rapidly and his patronage, which is constantly increasing, has reached gratifying proportions at the present time.

In 1890 Mr. Allison married Miss Ida Gale, and they became the parents of three children, the eldest of whom died in infancy. The others are: Cleo E., who is in business with his father; and Colett, who lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Allison are devout members of the Baptist church. Mr. Allison is a firm believer in the value of prohibition and gives active support to the prohibition party. Fraternally he is connected with the Yeomen. The years of his business activity in Seymour have given him a high standing in the community, where he is recognized as a man in whose character fidelity to high principles has combined with business enterprise in making him a valued and worthy citizen.

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#### HARVEY PORTER.

Harvey Porter is numbered among the early settlers in Richman township, his residence here dating from 1865. From that time to the present he has lived upon the farm which he now owns and since reaching maturity has been proprietor of the place, which reflects his many years of care and labor in its attractive and productive condition. He was born in Vinton county, Ohio, October 29, 1864, and is a son of James W. and Nancy (Albin) Porter, also natives of that state, the former born in Vinton county and the latter in Guernsey county. They came to Iowa in 1865 and located on a farm in Richman township, Wayne county, whereon the subject of this review now resides. In their family were three children: Ira, who lives in Clay township, Wayne county; Mrs. McKinley, also of Wayne county; and Harvey, of this review. A more extended mention of this family is made on another page in this work in connection with the sketch of George W. McKinley.

Harvey Porter grew up on his father's farm and by assisting in its operation became at an early age familiar with the best and most practical agricultural methods. This training has been invaluable to him in the conduct of his interests which are now extensive, placing him in the front ranks of progressive and able agriculturists. He owns the old homestead of three hundred and twenty acres, lying on sections 8 and 9, Richman township, and this property is well developed and well cultivated, rewarding his competent management by increasing in productiveness year by year. Mr. Porter has made substantial improvements, having erected a well furnished and modern home, good barns and outbuildings. In addition to general farming he also raises stock and both branches of his interests are proving important and profitable under his able management.

Mr. Porter has been twice married. He wedded first on the 7th of September, 1886, Miss Nevada Elm, who was born in Clarke county, Iowa, and there

grew to womanhood, dying in Richman township, this county, March 13, 1901. To their union were born the following children: J. W., whose birth occurred on the 16th of June, 1887, and who is now an attorney at law in Twin Falls, Idaho; Mrs. Maude Taylor, who was born November 11, 1888, and who is residing in Warren township, Lucas county; Bert H., whose birth occurred March 4, 1891, and who now resides in Decatur county; Guy, who was born August 4, 1893, and who now resides in Twin Falls, Idaho; and King, born August 12, 1895. These children all attended the common schools of this vicinity and the oldest, J. W., was for six years a student at Drake University. On the 28th of September, 1903, Mr. Porter was again married, his second wife being Miss Clara Pryor, who was born May 6, 1886. She is a daughter of Wayne B. and Susie (Clarke) Pryor, the former of whom was born in Decatur county, Iowa, July 3, 1856, and the latter in Monroe county, this state, August 17, 1865. The mother passed away in Decatur county, March 24, 1892. The father survives her and still makes his home in his native county, whither his parents came as pioneers. In the Pryor family were the following children: John, who has passed away; Clay, who was born July 30, 1882, and who is residing on the home farm in Decatur county; Mrs. Porter, wife of the subject of this review; Alma, who was born November 16, 1888, and who is residing in Richman township; and Mrs. Laura Reynolds, who was born October 24, 1890, and who now resides in Decatur county. All of these children were born in Decatur county with the exception of Mrs. Porter and Alma.

Mr. Porter gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Humeston. He and his wife are members of the Christian church. They are representatives of two of the best known families in Wayne county and their many sterling qualities of character have gained them the respect and esteem of all who come in contact with them.

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#### HON. JOSEPH E. DOZE.

Probably none of the native sons of Iowa has accomplished more vital and far-reaching work in the public service than the Hon. Joseph E. Doze, state representative on the democratic ticket. His worth and fidelity in positions of public trust is indicated by the results which have followed his work in various official capacities and by his definite accomplishment along constructive lines of progress and reform. He was born in Decatur county, Iowa, within twelve miles of his present home, November 18, 1854, and is a son of Francis K. and Cena (Phipps) Doze, the former of whom was born in France in 1826 and the latter in Indiana in 1830. When Joseph E. Doze was still a child his parents moved to Missouri and remained in that state for five years, after which they returned to Iowa. Later the family went to Decatur county and there remained until 1874, when they moved to Page county. From there in 1877 they went to Ringgold county and remained residents of that section until 1890. The father died in Mahaska county, this state, in 1862 and the mother's death occurred in Minneapolis, Min-

nesota, in 1909. She and her husband were the parents of three children: Joseph E., of this review; Mrs. May Doze, a resident of Alberta, Canada; and Mrs. Iowa V. Sargeant, whose birth occurred in Mahaska county and who is now residing in Minneapolis.

The Hon. Joseph E. Doze was eight years of age when his father died and he accompanied the other members of the family in their various removals. From 1877 to 1890 he was a resident of Ringgold county and while there began his public life. He was twice elected county auditor on the democratic ticket and his victory was a significant tribute to the force of his personality and to the principles for which he stood, because the normal republican majority was about seven hundred. In 1890 he removed to Humeston and has resided here since that time. For the past ten years he has been in the real-estate business and controls valuable holdings in this section and in other parts of the country, his fair dealing, comprehensive knowledge and strict integrity constituting the salient elements in his success. During the last five years he has been interested also in the automobile business and has an excellent repairing department.

Mr. Doze has been three times married. On March 18, 1878, he wedded Miss Luella Conley, who passed away, leaving a daughter, Mrs. Laura P. Clark. She was born February 17, 1879, and was graduated from the Humeston high school with the class of 1898. She is at present residing in Corydon, where her husband is a well known merchant tailor. Mr. Doze's second union was with Miss Lucille Keller, who was born in Ringgold county, Iowa, and who died at Mount Ayr. To this union were born two sons. The elder, Lynn Keller Doze, was born April 6, 1889, and in 1907 was graduated from the Humeston high school. He began his business career as clerk in the mercantile establishment of F. T. McKibben, of Humeston, and later held the position of bookkeeper for the Hawk-eye Lumber Company at Centerville. He afterward did similar work in the interests of J. L. Humphrey & Company of Humeston and resigned this position in order to become assistant cashier of the Home State Bank. Joseph Dean Doze, the younger son, was born in Humeston, October 15, 1891. He was graduated from the Humeston high school with the class of 1909 and is now assisting his father in the conduct of the automobile business. After the death of his second wife Mr. Doze was again married, wedding in 1892 Miss Elizabeth Davis, a native of Van Buren county, Iowa, born January 28, 1872. She is a daughter of Jefferson and Elizabeth (Baird) Davis, both of whom have passed away, the father dying in Ringgold county and the mother in Mount Ayr in 1882.

Mr. Doze's interest in public affairs is of that vital and forceful kind which constitutes a potent element in the general advancement. All of those activities which affect the municipal welfare, the intellectual and moral progress receive his indorsement and hearty support and his active labor in their promotion. He was for two terms a member of the city council and was mayor of Humeston for three years, giving to his fellow citizens prompt, businesslike and efficient service and accomplishing during his administration much valuable work along lines of civic expansion. He was the successful candidate of his party for nomination to the state legislature in the June primaries and at the election on November 5, 1912, was chosen over his republican opponent, Mr. Fry, of Corydon, by a decisive majority. His efforts for a wider field for the exercise of that ability in government which he so signally displayed in municipal affairs.

Mr. Doze is one of the best known men in Humeston at the present time and aside from his business and public interests has important fraternal affiliations. He is a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 228, F. & A. M., of Humeston, and belongs to Salem Chapter, No. 75, R. A. M. at Mount Ayr, of which organization he is a past master. Besides his well equipped garage he owns also a beautiful home in Humeston. He has a successful career in municipal politics behind him and before him splendid prospects for continued advancement in state affairs. He is well equipped for the work, being loyal to his ideals, consistent in his principles and conduct and incorruptible in his high integrity.

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### PERRY O. STERETT.

Perry O. Sterett, closely connected with important business interests in Humeston as manager of the Hawkeye Lumber Company, is a native of Iowa, born in Woodland township, Decatur county, on the 16th of September, 1878. He is a son of Albert P. and Anna (Pinkerton) Sterett, natives of Greene county, Illinois. The father has passed away, his death having occurred in Humeston, and the mother makes her home in Albia, Iowa. In their family were the following children: William, who died at the age of one year; Joseph, who resides in Wheatland, Wyoming; Mrs. Nellie Elder, of Canada; Mrs. Eva Gillis-Rennolds, who makes her home in Agency; Minnie, of Chariton; Perry O., of this review; Mrs. Lillie Doolittle, who has passed away; and Jennie, who resides with her mother in Albia.

Perry O. Sterett acquired his early education in the public schools of Woodland township and completed it in the Humeston public schools, his parents having removed to this city when he was still a child. In 1902 he began his independent career, engaging in the restaurant business in Humeston and continuing in it for a year and a half. At the end of that time he went to Corydon and there for six months conducted a similar enterprise, abandoning it in order to enter the employ of the Hawkeye Lumber Company. He was stationed at Albia in 1905 and three years later was transferred to Lovilia, where he remained as manager until October, 1910, when he was transferred to Humeston, where he is now holding the same position. The Hawkeye Lumber Company is one of the most important manufacturing concerns in the city. It was established in 1905 and since that time has expanded rapidly, its affairs being managed along progressive and modern lines. The company deals in all kinds of building material and numbers among its employees and officials many able and resourceful business men. By virtue of his position as its manager Mr. Sterett occupies a prominent and representative place in business circles and has proved himself well able to fill it. Under his management the business has increased in volume and the markets for the company's products have broadened. Everything is conducted in a practical and systematic manner and the wheels of the business run smoothly, showing the constant supervision of an able and enterprising man.

Mr. Sterett married, in March, 1902, Miss Clara Williams, who was born in Clay township, Wayne county, Iowa, July 25, 1882. She is a daughter of

Levi and Josephine (Harbard) Williams, who now reside in Humeston, and she acquired her education in the public schools of her native section. She is the eldest of a family of four children, the others being Judson, Cora and Opal, all of Humeston. Mr. and Mrs. Sterett have become the parents of two daughters: Hazel May, whose birth occurred in Albia on the 2d of May, 1904; and Anna J., born in Lovilia, March 14, 1910.

Mr. Sterett gives his allegiance to the republican party and, although he never seeks public office, he is yet active and progressive in all matters of citizenship, giving hearty cooperation to movements for the public good. Fraternally he is affiliated with Fidelity Lodge, No. 228, A. F. & A. M. He has already made an enviable reputation in business circles of Humeston and gives every indication of continued progress. Broad, liberal-minded and closely observant, he has carefully noted and utilized his opportunities and has today reached a position among the men in this section who control and direct general industrial development. He intends next spring to erect a fine modern residence in Humeston, and in the meantime he is residing in a comfortable and attractive dwelling which he and his family have made a center of delightful hospitality. Here an atmosphere of culture and refinement prevails, for Mr. Sterett is a wide and discriminating reader, fond of good literature of all kinds, and has gratified this taste by securing a large and well selected library. In business relations he is upright, straightforward and honorable and in his private life genial and courteous—a fine type of a good citizen and an honorable gentleman.

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#### FRED M. KYNER.

One of the most progressive, enterprising and alert young business men of Humeston is Fred M. Kyner, partner in the firm controlling the Hyde hardware business and prominently connected with the general business and mercantile interests of the city. He was born in Decatur county, Iowa, August 17, 1887, and is a son of Charles M. and Victoria (Westfall) Kyner. The father was born in Warren county, Illinois, January 4, 1857, and came to Wayne county in 1875, preceding the other members of the family—his parents and his brothers—by one year. In Iowa he married Victoria Westfall, who was born in Lucas county, February 27, 1864. She was a daughter of Granville and Jeanette (Teal) Westfall, who were among the notable pioneer settlers of Lucas county, having made their home in this section in 1850. They came overland from Ohio to Lee county in 1849 and spent one year making preparations for the establishment of their home upon the prairie. They encountered all the hardships and inconveniences of pioneer life and met them with confidence and courage, gradually gaining prominence and prosperity. In Lucas county they reared a family of fourteen children, eight of whom are still living.

Fred M. Kyner grew to manhood in Wayne county and acquired his education in the public schools, graduating from the Humeston high school in 1905. For some time he was employed in the Hyde hardware business, but later became a partner in the Hyde hardware business in Humeston, which is one of the largest



enterprises of its kind in Wayne county. The company handles a complete stock of shelf and heavy hardware and all kinds of farm implements and enjoys a liberal patronage, based on the high quality of the goods, the reasonable prices and the straightforward dealing which is the policy of the house. In the expansion of this business Fred M. Kyner has borne a prominent part, bending his energies to the promotion of the company's interests and achieving that success which always comes to the progressive, resourceful and farsighted business man. In addition to his beautiful home in Humeston he, in connection with his mother, owns five hundred acres of choice land in Wayne county and about six hundred acres of valuable Texas farming land. He is in addition a director and stockholder in the Humeston State Bank and since December, 1912, has been assistant cashier of that institution, serving with fidelity and ability.

In 1910 Mr. Kyner was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Hayes, who was born in Milton, Iowa, January 19, 1886, and who was graduated from the Milton high school in 1904. She is a daughter of William Wallace and Cynthia Anna (Robey) Hayes, the latter of whom was born in Indiana and died in Milton, Iowa, May 28, 1912. The father makes his home in Milton. In this family were four children: Harry, who lives near Le Mars, Iowa; Bert E., who lives near Ottumwa; Mrs. Kyner; and Mrs. Catharine Norman, of Milton.

Mr. Kyner's fraternal affiliations are with Fidelity Lodge, No. 228, A. F. & A. M., of Humeston, to which organization his father also belonged. He has always been a staunch supporter of the republican party and, while not a politician in the sense of office seeking, he is yet progressive and public-spirited in all matters of citizenship. He has always been interested in municipal affairs, giving his aid and cooperation to every movement for the general good. Throughout the period of his residence in Humeston he has enjoyed to the fullest degree the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens and his worth as a business man and citizen is widely recognized.

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### CHRISTIAN F. SPROW.

The greater part of the life of Christian F. Sprow has been passed in Warren township, Wayne county, where he resides on a farm of two hundred acres located on section 14. He is a native of Ohio, having been born in Wyandot county, that state, on the 19th of April, 1871, and is a son of Christian and Eva (Hetzel) Sprow. The parents were both born in Germany, but in early life they came to America and were married in Ohio, where they made their home until 1874. In the year last named they came to Iowa, settling in Wayne county. Here the father purchased a hundred and sixty acres of land, which he cultivated during the remainder of his active life. As time passed he extended the boundaries of his farm until it comprised two hundred acres and upon his retirement turned the property over to his son, Christian F., with whom he now makes his home. He is now seventy-five years of age, while the mother, who passed away on February 28, 1905, was seventy at the time of her demise. She was laid to rest in the cemetery at Allerton.

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Christian F. Sprow, who is the youngest in a family of three, was a child of but three years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa. He was educated in the common schools of this county and upon laying aside his text-books turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, continuing to reside on the home place in the cultivation of which he assisted his father until the latter's retirement, when he assumed the entire responsibility of its operation. The entire tract is under cultivation, and the fields which have been brought into a high state of productivity annually yield abundant harvests. His chief crops are hay and grain, as he is an extensive feeder of cattle and hogs and also buys horses for the market. His farm is situated in one of the most desirable portions of Warren township, and, being provided with a natural drainage, and owing to the extensive improvements made thereon by himself and father, is numbered among the valuable properties of the county.

Mr. Sprow was married in 1900 to Miss Effie Barker, a daughter of G. W. Barker, of this county. She was born on the 18th of January, 1876, and is the fifth in order of birth in a family of six. To Mr. and Mrs. Sprow there have been born three children: Aileen, Dwight and Gny.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, in which the parents hold membership. His indorsement in matters politic Mr. Sprow extends to the democratic party. He is one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of his community and has served for one term as a member of the board of school directors. Mr. Sprow is meeting with the success in the development of his interests which is won by the man of diligent methods and definite purpose, in any line of endeavor.

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#### ORA GIBBS.

One of the model farms of Wayne county is that of Ora Gibbs, who owns two hundred acres of highly cultivated land in Benton township, where for more than a quarter of a century he has successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. He was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, on the 25th of May, 1852, and is a son of Solomon and Rebecca (Gibson) Gibbs. The father was a native of Canada, his birth there occurring on the 24th of July, 1812, but when a lad of six years the family crossed the border into the United States, locating on a farm in Clarion county, Pennsylvania. There he was reared and educated and trained to the career of an agriculturist. In later years he purchased the old homestead in the cultivation of which he engaged until 1872, when he disposed of his interests in the Keystone state and removed to Iowa, locating in Wayne county. Here he purchased a quarter section of land two miles north of Allerton, on which he passed the remainder of his life, his death occurring on June 21, 1900. He was of English extraction, his people having removed from the mother country to Canada more than a century ago. Mrs. Gibbs was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, on July 11, 1824, and was reared, educated and married in the state of her nativity. She accompanied her husband and family on their removal to Iowa and passed away on the old homestead on the 14th of August, 1900. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs

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ORA GIBBS AND FAMILY



numbered eight, of whom our subject is the eldest. In order of birth the others are as follows: Newman, who passed away in 1896; Jane, the deceased wife of William Kimple, of Nebraska; James and Cameron, of Wayne county; Lewis, who is a resident of Colorado; and Oliver and Elmer, of this county. They were all born in Pennsylvania.

Ora Gibbs passed his boyhood and youth in the state of his nativity, acquiring a meagre education in its district schools, which he attended at irregular intervals until old enough to assist his father in the fields. In common with all farmer lads of that period he was early trained to agricultural pursuits, and long before he had attained his maturity was doing a man's work. He accompanied his family on their removal to Iowa and continued to share the responsibilities connected with the cultivation of the home place until he was twenty-two years of age. He then started out on his own responsibility and for several years thereafter farmed as a renter. His efforts in this direction were rewarded with a fair measure of success and he finally succeeded in accumulating sufficient money to enable him to purchase his present place and here he has ever since continued his agricultural career. His is one of the oldest farms in the county, the government grant having been issued more than sixty years ago. The first house erected on the place is still standing but is now used for an outbuilding, and despite the fact that it has been in constant use for sixty years is still in a good state of preservation. That Mr. Gibbs has led a life of well organized activity is evidenced by the general appearance of his farm, from his carefully tilled fields to the condition of his stock and buildings. As his circumstances have permitted he has added to the value of his homestead by the introduction of various improvements. He has erected a comfortable, modern residence and at a convenient distance therefrom are situated the barns and sheds, which are substantially constructed buildings and well adapted to their various uses. His equipment is thoroughly adequate to his needs and comprises practically every machine or implement known to the progressive agriculturist of the present day. In connection with the cultivation of his fields he raises stock, making a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs for the market. As he has always directed his undertakings in a practical and intelligent manner, concentrating his efforts upon the achievement of a definite end, he has prospered and is now numbered among the successful business men and substantial citizens of his community.

On the 4th of February, 1875, Mr. Gibbs was married to Miss Catherine Sollenbarger, whose birth occurred in this state on the 5th of July, 1851. She is the eldest child born to David and Mary Margaret (Allen) Sollenbarger, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Virginia. When he was twenty-one the father came to Iowa and here he met and subsequently married Miss Allen, who removed to this state with her parents in early girlhood. Here Mr. and Mrs. Sollenbarger passed the entire period of their domestic life, his death occurring in 1900 and hers in February, 1912. To them were born eight children, those beside Mrs. Gibbs being as follows: John W., who is a resident of Wayne county; Jennie, who died in childhood; Florence, who is living in Corydon; David T., a resident of Allerton; Mary Margaret, the wife of John Stromsten, of Corydon; George, also of Corydon; and Ella, who died in infancy. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs numbers eight, as follows: George B., who was born in November, 1875, residing in this county; Florence Jane, who was born in July,



1877, now the wife of Albert Bott, of this county; J. Elmer, whose birth occurred in January, 1879, also residing in this county; Mary Olive, the deceased wife of Fred A. Wolf, who was born in 1880 and died in 1906; D. Pearl, who was born in 1882, at home; C. Oramil, who was born in 1883 and died in infancy; Martha Margaret, whose natal year was 1884, and who is now Mrs. John McGraw; and Ethel Maude, who was born in 1886, the wife of Frank Lohr, of Wayne county.

The family manifest their religious faith through their connection with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which the parents have long held membership. Mr. Gibbs is one of the widely known residents of Benton township, where his industrious habits and honorable business methods have won him the respect and esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens, among whom he numbers many staunch friends.

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### GEORGE WASHINGTON RIKER.

George Washington Riker, living retired in Russell after many years' close connection with agricultural interests of Lucas county, was born in Cayuga county, New York, December 9, 1837. He is a son of Henry L. and Ann C. (Thorne) Riker, natives of Dutchess county, that state, the former born January 29, 1814, and the latter July 26, 1817. Their marriage occurred December 3, 1835, and they resided in Cayuga county many years thereafter, later moving to Dutchess county, where their deaths occurred. Eight children were born to their union: Mrs. Elizabeth Knapp, deceased; George W., of this review; William Henry, who resides in New York; Martha Ann, deceased; Ganzewoort Melville, of New York; Mrs. Anna L. Eckert, deceased; Frank, who has also passed away; and Cora, who resides in Rochester, New York.

George Washington Riker grew to manhood in Cayuga county and acquired his education in the public schools there. When he was twenty-four years of age he removed to Dutchess county and there followed farming for some time, later engaging in the boot and shoe business. In 1871 he moved to Lucas county, this state, and settled on a farm in Washington township, becoming in the course of years a representative and successful agriculturist, with extensive interests in farming lands. He resided upon his property until 1882 and then purchased eleven acres also in Washington township but within the incorporated town of Russell and retired from active life. Since that time he has given a great deal of attention to the care of bees, finding both recreation and profit in bee culture. He has in addition perfected a number of inventions upon which he has taken out patents, among them a wire stretcher, a wire splicer and a culvert form, all of which have been tried and found practicable and useful.

Mr. Riker has been twice married. He wedded first, in New York, September 2, 1861, Miss Angeline E. Benedict, who was born in Cayuga county, New York, September 7, 1839. She was a daughter of Smith and Eliza Ann (Williams) Benedict, the former a native of Connecticut, born February 27, 1809, and the latter of New York, born January 4, 1810. Both have passed away, the father dying July 18, 1881, and the mother January 29, 1890. In

their family were four children: William, who has passed away; Angeline and Adaline, twins, the former of whom became the first wife of the subject of this review and the latter of whom has passed away; and one child who died in infancy. Mr. Riker became the father of three children by his first marriage: Smith Henry, who was born September 2, 1863, and who is residing in Troy, New York; George B., whose birth occurred March 26, 1865, and who lives in Fort Morgan, Colorado; and Mrs. Addie S. Huston, who was born August 26, 1867, and who makes her home in Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Riker also adopted into their family, Walter B., the son of James and Florence Bell Russell, who was born at Lincoln, Nebraska, July 26, 1885, and who on January 26, 1887, was given by his mother to Mr. and Mrs. Riker to keep and rear as their own. This trust they lovingly fulfilled, giving him the care of a father and mother. He has now grown to manhood and bears the surname of Riker. He is brakeman on a passenger train on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad with a run from Burlington to Creston, Iowa. The first Mrs. Riker passed away June 16, 1901, and two years later Mr. Riker was again married, his second wife being Mrs. Ellen (Taylor) Van Auken. She was born in Cayuga county, New York, a daughter of William and Marilla (Northrup) Taylor, natives of Connecticut. Both have passed away, the father dying in Russell and the mother in New York. They were the parents of three children: Ellen, the wife of the subject of this review; Mrs. Almira Osborne, who died in 1913; and William, who lives in New York. After the death of William Taylor's first wife he was again married and by his second union had three children: Eugene, who has passed away; James, who resides in New York; and Mrs. Emma Rainey, of New York. By her marriage to Mr. Van Auken Mrs. Riker had four children, as follows: William, who was born May 14, 1872, and who makes his home in New York; Mrs. Gertrude Brown, who was born May 26, 1873, also a resident of that city; Floyd, whose birth occurred April 15, 1876, and who makes his home in San Diego, California; and Howard, whose birth occurred February 25, 1880, and who now resides in Los Angeles.

Mr. Riker was at one time a member of the Independent Order of Good Templars and belongs to the Grangers. He is a republican in his political beliefs and served for some time as a member of the town council of Russell, being always active in public affairs and cooperating heartily in all measures to promote general advancement and growth. He is well and favorably known in the city, where he has resided since 1882, and throughout Lucas county, where he has lived for forty-two years, his neighbors and friends holding him in high regard as a representative business man and an upright and loyal citizen

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#### HENRY SANDERS.

Henry Sanders, of Lucas, Iowa, has for many years been connected with agricultural and commercial interests of the county and for the past ten years has done valuable service in the employ of McKivern Brothers & Rogers, in Lucas. Born in Union township, this county, on March 6, 1865, he is a son of

John and Mary A. (Hite) Sanders. The paternal grandfather, Adam Sanders, was born in Pennsylvania and died in Union township, Lucas county, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, Hannah Sanders, also a native of the Keystone state, died in the same township, aged seventy-four years. Both settled in Union township in 1853 and are buried in the cemetery at Smyrna. The maternal grandparents were William and Nancy (Irvin) Hite, natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, both of whom passed away in Wyandot county, Ohio, the former at the age of sixty-eight years and the latter when sixty-seven years old. In their family were six children, of whom two survive. John Sanders, the father of our subject, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, on June 4, 1818, and died in Nebraska, December 8, 1904. He came to Union township, Lucas county, in 1856. His wife, Mary A. Sanders, was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, born July 25, 1839, and moved westward with a sister, first settling at Garden Grove, Decatur county, Iowa, whence they came to Lucas county in 1852. When they made the overland trip there were but few settlers, the country for the most part being uninhabited prairie. Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders had two children: Mrs. Hannah Yont, born March 20, 1863, who married E. H. Yont on March 10, 1887, and died May 4, 1888, leaving one daughter, Mrs. (Cassie Yont) Sellers, born April 23, 1888, who resides near Chariton, Iowa; and Henry, the subject of this review. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Sanders married the Rev. S. N. Matheny, who was born February 29, 1821, in Missouri. He was taken in his infancy by his father to Kentucky, where he lived for about eight years, when the family removed to Indiana. In 1850 they came to Iowa and in 1857 he was ordained a Methodist Episcopal minister. He became a Mason in 1872. On February 9, 1847, he was married to Elizabeth Jane Wilkins, who passed away January 11, 1898, and to this union were born thirteen children, eleven sons and two daughters.

Henry Sanders grew to manhood in Lucas county of which he has since been a continuous resident with the exception of one year. In the acquirement of his education he attended the common schools and early became acquainted with agricultural labor, engaging in farming until he was thirty-five years old, when for three years he worked as carpenter in Lucas. For the past ten years he has been employed by the firm of McKivven Brothers & Rogers, in Lucas, and by his ability, industry and innate honesty has earned the high confidence of his employers.

On February 3, 1889, Mr. Sanders was united in marriage to Miss Clara A. Irvin, who was born in Union township, this county, January 7, 1863, and there grew to womanhood. She is a member of an old pioneer family, her parents being A. J. and Kate (Van Vost) Irvin, the former a native of Ohio, born April 15, 1838, and the latter of Shelby county, Indiana, born September 2, 1842. Both of her parents came to this county in 1852 with their respective families and were married in this county on November 8, 1860, and are still residing in their comfortable home in Union township. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin had nine children, of whom Mrs. Henry Sanders was the eldest. The other surviving members are: Matthew G., born January 28, 1864, a resident of Hastings, Nebraska; Maudie, whose birth occurred September 19, 1872, and who resides with her parents in Union township; Lee, born September 19, 1875,

making his home in Lucas; Mrs. Julia Eckleberry, born November 29, 1877, residing in Union township; and Etta, a resident of that township who was born January 31, 1882. The deceased are: Margaret, who passed away at the age of one year; Mary, a little maiden of three years at the time of her death; and Elizabeth, who died when one year of age. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders are the parents of six children: E. Arlie, born January 7, 1890, now residing in Lucas; Fred J., born September 6, 1891; Myrtle V., born January 16, 1893; Ethel Z., born March 23, 1895; Don W., born in Decatur county, August 25, 1896; and Wilhua L., born October 5, 1900. With the exception of Don W., all of the children were born in Lucas county.

Politically Mr. Sanders affiliates with the republican party and in religious faith he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Both also belong to the Yeoman lodge of Lucas. Mr. Sanders owns a comfortable residence in that city where he is widely and favorably known and highly esteemed for his many high qualities of mind and character.

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#### GEORGE P. McNAY, D. V. M.

Dr. George P. McNay, formerly one of the best known veterinary surgeons in Humeston and now a successful real-estate operator in Denver, Colorado, was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, September 22, 1862. He is a son of Jasper Porter and Mary Frances (Lazear) McNay, both natives of the Keystone state, the father born January 15, 1839, and the mother June 22, 1841. Their marriage occurred in Pennsylvania, January 30, 1860, and to their union were born the following children: Francis James, whose birth occurred November 30, 1860, and who died January 27, 1864; George P., of this review; Mrs. Mary Olive Bristor, born September 19, 1866, who is residing in Humeston; Michael Luther, whose birth occurred January 16, 1868, and whose home is in Lucas county; John Thomas, who was born December 5, 1869, and who now resides near Derby, in Lucas county; Albert Lee, born October 22, 1873, who is practicing medicine in Kansas City, Missouri; and Jesse Lazear, born July 23, 1877, who is practicing dentistry in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The mother of these children died in Pennsylvania, January 30, 1880, and the father later married again. To his second union were born the following children: Florence, who is married and resides in Pennsylvania; Daisy, who is also married and makes her home in the Keystone state; and Gertrude, who is teaching school near the old homestead in Pennsylvania.

Dr. George P. McNay acquired his education in the public schools of Greene county, Pennsylvania, and when not engaged with his books assisted his father in the operation of the farm. His mother had invested some money in a tract of land in Lucas county, Iowa, and when Dr. McNay grew to manhood he came west in order to assume its management. For a number of years he operated this farm and eventually purchased property of his own which he developed and improved along progressive lines, for some time. In 1893 he completed a course in comparative medicine in the Chicago Veterinary College and located for practice in Humeston. For fourteen years he gave his attention to his pro-



professional work, building up a splendid patronage founded on real merit and recognized ability. On the 10th of July, 1907, he became interested in western real estate and opened an office in Denver, Colorado.

Dr. McNay married Miss Addie Kellenbarger, a representative of one of the pioneer families in this section of the state. She was born in Indiana, March 8, 1859, and is a daughter of William Bishop and Sarah Blance (Jenkins) Kellenbarger, the former of whom was born November 14, 1813, and the latter March 20, 1820. The mother was a native of Meade county, Kentucky. The parents came as pioneers to Washington township, Wayne county, in 1861, and here the father took up an undeveloped tract of land and for many years bent his energies to its improvement. Being a skilled carpenter, his knowledge of his trade aided him greatly in the erection of the necessary farm buildings and he soon had one of the best improved properties in this part of the state. He built fences, barns and outbuildings, hauling the lumber from Burlington, Iowa, and doing the work of construction with his own hands. He died at Humeston, Iowa, August 20, 1901, having survived his wife since June 25, 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Kellenbarger were the parents of eleven children, namely: John Hilary, born in 1840, who resides in Grinnell, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Jane Beals, born in 1843, who resides in Custer county, Nebraska; Mrs. Rachel Harned, whose birth occurred in 1848 and who is now residing in Humeston; Joseph Allen, who was born in 1852 and who makes his home in Custer county, Nebraska; Benjamin William, born in 1857, who resides in Myrna, Nebraska; Mrs. McNay, the wife of the subject review; Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, triplets, who died in infancy; Philip, who passed away in childhood; and a daughter who died in infancy. The Kellenbarger family is of old American establishment and was for many years well known in Pennsylvania. In that state Mrs. McNay's grandfather, Joseph Kellenbarger, was born on the 12th of August, 1782, and during the War of 1812 served as a colonel in the American army, dying at Cambria, Iowa, February 2, 1872. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Rachel Lavar, died in 1825. The maternal line can be traced back to Ethan Allen, of the Continental army, for Mrs. McNay's maternal great-grandmother was Nancy (Allen) Shaver, a cousin of the Revolutionary soldier. Mrs. McNay's grandparents came to Pella, Iowa, in 1860, thus founding this branch of the family in the middle west. In the following year they moved to Wayne county, Iowa, and were among the earliest settlers in that section. For the first few years they encountered all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life but faced them resolutely with high confidence and courage and gradually gained prominence and prosperity, leaving to their descendants the record of worthy work well done and the memory of an untarnished name.

Dr. and Mrs. McNay became the parents of three children. The eldest, Leo N., was born in Lucas county, Iowa, August 22, 1883. He attended the common schools in the community and attended the Humeston high school, later completing a course in comparative medicine in the Chicago Veterinary College and receiving his degree in 1906. He located for practice at Garden Grove, Decatur county, Iowa, and has secured a gratifying and representative patronage, for his ability and knowledge of the underlying principles of his profession is well known. On December 20, 1906, he married Miss Sadie Garret, who was born September 13, 1886. She is a daughter of Silas and Alice (Conrad) Gar-



ret, the former born October 21, 1844, and the latter August 17, 1848. The father is a tinner by trade and is following his chosen occupation in Chicago, Illinois. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Sadie McNay are as follows: Mrs. Clara Smith, born September 5, 1876, is a graduate of the Burlington high school and is now residing in Peoria, Illinois. Edward, born February 19, 1878, is a magazine writer and financial editor of the New York Sun. His home is in New Jersey. Mrs. Gertrude Graham, born December 11, 1882, was formerly a stenographer in Chicago, where she now resides. Mrs. Marie Briggs, born October 20, 1884, was also a stenographer in Chicago, in which city she still makes her home. Thomas, who completes the family, was born June 16, 1890. He is a talented cartoonist and makes his home in Chicago. Dr. and Mrs. Leo N. McNay have three children: Lillian Maxine, born August 28, 1907; Mildred Alice, born June 7, 1909; and Garret, born June 9, 1911. Dr. McNay owns a beautiful home and well equipped office in Garden Grove and is one of the most successful veterinary surgeons in the city. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Yeomen, while his wife belongs to the Pythian Sisters in Garden Grove. The second child born to Dr. and Mrs. George P. McNay, Mary Olive, was born in Lucas county, June 21, 1887. She attended the common schools of that section and was graduated from the Humeston high school with the class of 1907. She is a member of the P. E. O. of Humeston. The youngest child in the family, William Lyle, was born September 5, 1893, and died April 21, 1895.

This family is one of the oldest and most highly respected in this section of Iowa, where its members are prominent in business, social and professional circles and are found always among the leaders in the promotion of worthy projects which influence the permanent welfare of the community. Mrs. McNay is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is a lady whose many excellent traits of heart and mind have won her the affection and esteem of all who know her.

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#### WILLIAM L. WERTS.

William L. Werts, a representative of a well known pioneer family of Lucas county, owns a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 16, Cedar township, besides valuable residence property in Russell, where he makes his home. He is connected with business affairs in the city as manager of the cream, egg and poultry station, and has proved farsighted, capable and reliable in carrying forward his interests. He was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, February 4, 1860, and is a son of J. H. and Sophia (Ines) Werts, the former born in Muskingum county and the latter in Zanesville. In pioneer times the parents came down the Ohio river as far as Cairo, Illinois, and journeyed thence to Eddyville by rail. They then came overland to Cedar township, this county, arriving in this section of the state when it was an open prairie and Russell had not yet been incorporated. The father was a cabinet-maker by trade and followed this occupation during all of his active life. He is now living retired in Russell, having survived his wife for some years. In this family were nine chil-

dren, eight of whom are still living, as follows: Mrs. Eliza Evans, who resides in Washington township; William L., of this review; Mrs. Ada Drake, a resident of Cedar township; A. J., who makes his home in Springfield, Illinois; Mrs. Tillie Johnson, of Cedar township; George and Asa, twins, who live upon the home farm; and Leila, who resides with her father in Russell.

William L. Werts was still a child when he journeyed from Muskingum county to Lucas county with his parents. He acquired his education in the public schools of this locality and resided upon the homestead until he was twenty-two years of age. He then entered the employ of E. J. Hatcher, a general merchant in Russell, with whom he remained for twenty-one years, eight months and twenty-one days, becoming during that time one of the most trusted and reliable men connected with the concern. After the death of Mr. Hatcher, Mr. Werts continued for a year and a half in the employ of Mr. Wiltsey, who became the owner of the store. Mr. Werts also discharged his duties as administrator of the estate of Mr. Hatcher with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. He then turned his attention to farming, operating one hundred and twenty acres of choice land on section 16, Cedar township. He still owns this property although he has since returned to Russell, where he is now manager of a cream, egg and poultry station. He owns also two residence properties in the city and his affairs are capably managed, bringing him substantial and gratifying success.

In April, 1885, Mr. Werts married Miss Cora E. Allen, who was born in Cedar township, this county, and who grew to womanhood here. Her parents, Elijah and Mary J. (Kertz) Allen, were among the early settlers in this part of Iowa and both died in Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Werts have become the parents of four children, three of whom are still living: Mrs. Elva Hancock, who resides in Montana; Hazel, who is married and lives in Russell; and Arthur H., who resides with his parents. The daughters attended common school of this locality and both had two seasons of summer school at Des Moines. They afterward engaged in teaching until their marriage.

Mr. Werts is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He has been a member of the town council and of the board of education and is interested in public affairs, doing all in his power to promote general progress. He is respected and esteemed in business circles for his ability and integrity of character while his genuine personal worth has gained him the warm regard and confidence of many friends.

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#### DAVID L. MURROW.

The profession of law has assumed more and more importance in relationship to our life as the years have passed. As present day conditions have become more complicated, life's activities present new angles and possibilities, with danger points and pitfalls to be avoided, and business transactions have to be considered from the legal viewpoint and properly safeguarded before being put into execution. As the struggle for higher pay, wages, better and wages fiercer, the lawyer's advice, opinion and assistance is practically indispensable and there



DAVID L. MURROW



is hardly an individual who at one time or another does not stand in need of legal help. David L. Murrow, who since his admittance to the bar in 1901 has practiced law in Corydon and has been connected with much important litigation since that time, has built up a reputation for reliability, knowledge and clear understanding of the situation which has lifted him from among the many into the ranks of the successful few. Although advancement at the bar is proverbially slow, no dreary novitiate awaited him, for he soon demonstrated his ability to capably handle intricate cases and each year has brought him an increase in his practice.

David L. Murrow was born in Poweshiek county, this state, May 9, 1871, and is a son of Thomas A. and Evaline (King) Murrow. The grandfather, Benjamin Murrow, brought the family to Iowa in 1850. He was of Scotch-Irish descent and was a native of the state of Kentucky, born on the 29th of August, 1802. His wife's name before her marriage was Sarah Blue, who was also born in the Blue Grass state on the 17th of April, 1807. Members of the family distinguished themselves by service in the War of 1812. Thomas A. Murrow, who during his life followed agricultural pursuits, came to Wayne county in 1883, and here he passed away August 16, 1912. The mother of our subject was a daughter of John and Nancy King, who at an early day came from Indiana to Iowa and settled in this state. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Murrow were the parents of twelve children, eight of whom are living.

David L. Murrow, who was the fifth in order of birth of the children born to his parents, received a country school education. He early showed a preference for a professional career and decided upon the law as the one for which he seemed best adapted and which would bring him the most rapid success. He entered the law department of Drake University and graduated from this institution in 1901, coming immediately after attaining his degree to Corydon, where he has since been engaged in practice. Since 1906 he has been in partnership with R. C. Poston. Mr. Murrow occupies a creditable and enviable position at the Wayne county bar, for he prepares his cases with great thoroughness and presents them clearly and forcefully. Never failing to command the attention of court or jury, his pleas often obtain the verdict desired. His reasoning is logical and his deductions sound and he is seldom surprised by an unexpected attack of opposing counsel.

On October 31, 1893, Mr. Murrow was married to Miss Estella A. Kendall, of Lucas county, Iowa, and a daughter of N. W. and Isabelle Kendall. Mr. and Mrs. Murrow had three children: Ieyl L., who is attending Drake University; Thomas Kendall, a high-school student, at home; and Wilma J., also at home. Mrs. Murrow passed away on October 15, 1909.

Mr. Murrow, however, has not only made a creditable record in his profession, but has devoted his services largely to the growth and upbuilding of Corydon. He is public-spirited and takes a deep interest in all measures undertaken in the interests of the city, and in 1910 was elected to the office of mayor, serving for two years in that capacity. During his administration important improvements were made, prominent among which are the waterworks and the sewerage system, which were installed under his direction. He gives his political support to the democratic party. His religious affiliations are with the Christian church, while his fraternal relations extend to the Masons and the



Knights of Pythias. In the former organization he has attained high rank and is a member of the blue lodge, a Knight Templar, a Royal Arch Mason and a Shriner. Mr. Murrow is a man of strong character and has come to be recognized as a forceful element in the community, his sterling traits having won him the high regard and confidence not only of his clients, but of all those with whom he has come in contact. At all times he has been actuated by laudable ambition and this has carried him to success.

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#### ALPHEOUS SMITH.

Among the family names which have been honored and respected ones in Wayne county since pioneer times is that of Smith, whose present representative, Alpheous Smith, recently retired from active life, is an exponent of all the rugged, sturdy and upright characteristics which have been family traditions for over half a century. The older generation has passed away, having left an enduring monument to their lives and activities in the fine farm which they evolved out of the wilderness and in the standards of integrity and sincerity of purpose which they left to their children. Their son, our subject, also a pioneer, endured in his earlier years all the trials and hardships incident to life in a new country. Today he is one of the honored and respected citizens of Wayne county and has earned rest and retirement by a long life of valuable and well directed labor.

Alpheous Smith was born in Mason county, West Virginia, August 12, 1849, and is a son of V. B. and Louvisa (Hart) Smith, natives of that state, the father's birth having occurred on the 30th of November, 1820, and the mother's on the 20th of January, 1818. They left West Virginia in 1853 and came down the Ohio river to the Mississippi and thence to Keokuk, Iowa, where they secured a team and came overland to Benton township, Wayne county. Here the father purchased two hundred and eight acres of land which has been in possession of the family since that time. Like all pioneers, the elder Mr. Smith was a man of action and he spent many long hours of labor battling with the pioneer conditions which prevailed here at the time of his settlement. Prairies stretched for many miles in all directions from his farm, broken only by a few sparse settlements. Life was hard and the work heavy, but Mr. Smith bent his determination and resolution to overcoming the obstacles in his path and before his death, which occurred December 19, 1900, had made his farm a valuable and productive property. His wife has also passed away, dying in Benton township, June 15, 1880. In their family were nine children: Elizabeth, who was born April 21, 1841, and died in Virginia at the age of five; Martha Ann, who was born April 16, 1842, and who is now deceased; Louis, whose birth occurred April 1, 1844, and who died before Vicksburg, Mississippi, during the siege of that place; Mrs. Sarah Jane Slocum, who was born January 11, 1846, and who died in Clay township; Reverdy, who was born November 19, 1847, and passed away in infancy; Alpheous, of this review; Edgar K., who was born November 8, 1851, and whose death occurred in Wayne county, July 8, 1870; Miranda, who was born February 14, 1856, and who passed away in

Benton township; and Nancy, whose birth occurred on the 14th of March, 1857, and who also died in Benton township. All of the children in this family were natives of West Virginia with the exception of the two youngest, who were born in Wayne county, and all were reared and educated in Iowa.

Alpheous Smith was four years of age when he came with his parents to Wayne county and from his early childhood was familiar with the hard conditions of pioneer life. He attended the old-fashioned school of that time, which was supported by subscriptions from the parents of the children and conducted in the homes of the patrons. His hours outside of the schoolroom were filled with hard labor, for the new farm had to be cleared, the sod broken, buildings and fences erected and other improvements made. As a result, when Mr. Smith grew to manhood he was a skilled and practical agriculturist and when the time came for him to begin his active career he was well equipped for its duties. By that time the family homestead had been increased to five hundred and eighty acres, upon which Mr. Smith steadily carried forward the work of development and improvement through the years, making it one of the finest and best equipped properties in the county. The land lies in Benton, Clay and Washington townships and upon it there are three excellent sets of improvements. Mr. Smith remained upon his farm until 1909, when he gave up active work and purchased a comfortable and modern home in Humeston, where he and his worthy wife are spending their declining years in rest and comfort, the just reward of their earnest, upright and honorable lives. They are people of exemplary character, of the rugged whole-souled type which has been largely instrumental in the upbuilding of the state and in placing it in the front ranks of American commonwealths.

On the 3d of April, 1870, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Dollarhide, who was born in Cass county, Indiana, April 20, 1850. She is a daughter of Allen and Martha A. (Fitzer) Dollarhide, natives of Ohio, who went to Indiana, then came to Wayne county in 1854 and removed to Indiana in 1859, both passing away in that state. In their family were four children: Mary E., now Mrs. Alpheous Smith; George, who was born April 14, 1851, and who died in Indiana at the age of eighteen; Bruce, who passed away in Wayne county, Iowa, at the age of four; and Alva, whose death occurred in Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Smith became the parents of six children, all of whom were born in Clay township: Jesse V., who was born November 17, 1872, and who died August 3, 1910; Edward, who was born in August, 1874, and who died on the same day; Blanche, who was born April 13, 1876, and passed away April 11th of the following year; Mrs. Ethel Coffee, who was born June 2, 1878, and who is now residing in Richman township; Opal, who was born September 4, 1880, and who died November 24, 1881; and Harry A., who was born in October, 1888, and died May 8, 1895. Mrs. Coffee is the sole surviving member of this family of six. She was married in Clay township, September 25, 1896, to Cressy C. Coffee, a native of Indiana. To their union were born the following children: Lloyd L., born June 11, 1897; Alonzo A., born March 2, 1899; Nettie Lois, born January 15, 1905; Selma Irene, born October 11, 1906; and Laverna, born September 14, 1909. The three eldest children in this family were born in Clay township while the younger ones were born in Richman township.

Mr. Smith gives his allegiance to the republican party and has been trustee of Clay township. During the entire period of his residence in this section he has been known as a man of most admirable principles, loyal to all his duties and obligations, a liberal supporter of all worthy objects and a patriotic and broad-minded citizen who since pioneer times has assisted in numberless ways in advancing the permanent welfare of the community. Indeed, no record of Wayne county would be complete without a review of the honorable and useful career of Alpheous Smith, recognized throughout the section as one of its most respected and estimable citizens.

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#### THOMAS M. PERKINS.

For over thirty years Thomas M. Perkins has been influentially connected with business interests of Seymour and is now the proprietor of a profitable feed store. He has shown himself upright and reliable in all of his business dealings and in consequence has achieved a degree of success which places him among the representative men of his community. He was born in Newark, Ohio, August 8, 1836, and is a son of William and Hannah (Mitchell) Perkins, natives of Kentucky. The father of our subject was a son of William Perkins, also of Kentucky, and on the maternal side Mr. Perkins' grandparents were William and Elizabeth Mitchell, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Ireland. The father of our subject moved from Kentucky to Ohio at an early date and in the latter state his death occurred. His wife also died in Ohio.

Thomas M. Perkins acquired a common school education and remained in his native state until 1855. In that year he came to Iowa, locating in Promise City, Wayne county, where he engaged in farming until 1870, when he opened a grocery store and since that time has given his attention entirely to business lines. He conducted his first enterprise in Promise City until 1882 and then came to Seymour, where he opened a similar establishment, managing it successfully for a number of years. In 1909 he disposed of his grocery business and opened the feed store which he still owns. He is an able, resourceful and progressive business man and consequently his patronage has increased rapidly and has reached gratifying proportions at the present time.

In 1857 Mr. Perkins was united in marriage to Miss Alice Ackley, of Ohio, a daughter of George and Sarah Ackley, who came to Iowa in 1856. Her father was a farmer and was successful in this line of occupation both in Ohio and in Iowa. By this marriage Mr. Perkins had three children. Frank A., born August 7, 1858, was engaged in the grocery business and died in 1881, leaving one child, Willa Doris. Rose A., the second of the family, is now the wife of Walter Knowlton, a resident of Hot Springs, South Dakota, and they have one child, Myra. William B., born September 25, 1869, is engaged in the grocery business in Seymour. After the death of his first wife Mr. Perkins married Miss Martha Kinney, of Seymour, who has also passed away. In 1909 he was again married, this time union being with Mrs. Ella Röniger, of Appanoose county.

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Mr. Perkins gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic order, holding membership in the lodge and chapter. He has faithfully attended the Methodist church for over fifty years and his entire life has been characterized by devotion to manly and honorable principles. In all of his business dealings he is straightforward and reliable and enjoys to the fullest extent the confidence and good-will of all who know him.

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#### TANDY ALLEN.

Tandy Allen, one of the best known pioneers of Lucas county and at one time one of the largest landowners in Cedar township, Lucas county, is living retired in Russell after many years of honorable and profitable connection with agricultural interests of his locality. He was born in Montgomery county, Kentucky, near Mount Sterling, June 3, 1832, and is a son of Robert and Mary (Allison) Allen, the former of whom was born in Lowden county, Virginia, February 25, 1797, and the latter October 12 of the same year. Their marriage occurred October 15, 1818, and they continued to reside in Virginia for some years. They afterward moved to Kentucky and thence, in 1837, came overland with ox teams to Putnam county, Indiana, settling on a farm in that locality, upon which they continued to reside for a number of years. The father died at Bainbridge, Indiana, October 1, 1866, and the mother in the same city, August 30, 1862. Eleven children were born to their union, as follows: Mrs. Zarilda Fyffe, whose birth occurred March 13, 1820, the deceased wife of Thomas Fyffe; Joseph Franklin, who was born February 18, 1822, and who died September 17, of the same year; Elijah, who was born September 24, 1823, and who died in April, 1885; Mrs. Arnilda Fyffe, whose birth occurred November 27, 1825, and who died at Bainbridge, Indiana, March, 1897; Mrs. Loduska Cassity, who was born April 23, 1828, and who died June 11, 1858; Mrs. Matilda McKee, who was born January 25, 1830, and who died June 16, 1868; Tandy, of this review; Mrs. Mary Vannice, who was born September 9, 1834, and who resides in Russell; Frances, whose birth occurred June 3, 1837, and who died March 23, 1843; Albert, born October 10, 1839, residing at Shelbyville, Illinois; and Mrs. Margaret McKee, born October 5, 1841, a resident of Russell.

Tandy Allen went overland with his parents to Putnam county, Indiana, in 1837, being at that time five years of age. He was reared upon the home farm in Indiana and acquired his education in the district schools of that state. In September, 1854, he made the overland journey into Iowa, settling on a farm in Cedar township, Lucas county, in very early times. At the time of his arrival pioneer conditions prevailed everywhere, much of the land being still a primeval wilderness. Indians and wild game were plentiful and all the hardships and privations of frontier life were to be met. These Mr. Allen faced with confidence and courage, developing his first purchase of one hundred and twenty acres and adding to it from time to time until he was finally the largest landowner in Cedar township. He resided upon his property until 1891, when he moved to Chariton, making his home there until 1898, when he returned to the farm. Two years later he built a commodious home in Russell, having sold



all his holdings with the exception of three hundred and seventy acres of the original tract.

On the 29th of January, 1856, in Hendricks county, Indiana, Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Joanna Smith Vannice, a daughter of Peter and Sarah (Smith) Vannice, natives of Kentucky, the former born July 11, 1801, and the latter February 12, 1806. They moved to Indiana in 1831 and both died in that state, the father passing away February 9, 1888, and the mother February 11 of the same year. In the Vannice family were eleven children, as follows: Mrs. Luzanne Hadley, who was born February 7, 1829, and who now resides on a portion of the old home farm in Hendricks county, Indiana; William, who was born October 14, 1830, and who died at Chariton in April, 1894; Samuel, whose birth occurred March 10, 1833, and who resides in Russell; Mrs. Allen, wife of the subject of this review; Mrs. Jane Trotter, who was born March 1, 1837, and who died June 22, 1898; Mrs. Sarah Ferguson, whose birth occurred December 23, 1839, and who makes her home in Chicago, Illinois; Milton B., who was born August 6, 1842, and who died August 22, 1904; James R., who was born May 6, 1845, and who died November 12, 1851; Ellen, whose birth occurred January 8, 1848, and who died November 4, 1851; Henry, who was born July 31, 1850, and who died September 23, 1862; and Mrs. Ellen Hawkins, born February 12, 1853, residing at Indianapolis, Indiana. The two eldest children in this family were born in Kentucky and all the others on the old home farm in Hendricks county, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen have become the parents of twelve children. The eldest, Carrie E., was born December 15, 1856, and grew to womanhood in Lucas county. She attended the public schools and later the Missouri State Normal School at Kirksville, after which she engaged in teaching, resigning to become county superintendent of schools of Lucas county. She held this position from January 1, 1890, to January 1, 1896. She is at present engaged in teaching in the public schools in Chicago. Eliza Matilda was born March 31, 1858. On the 19th of January, 1876, she married Joseph C. Cassity and died near La Grange, Illinois, January 1, 1897. Sarah Adelaide was born March 17, 1860, and married March 7, 1882, William J. Prather, of Cedar township. Mary Isabel was born October 17, 1861, and on March 11, 1885, married Samuel F. Goltry, of the vicinity of Russell. Louisiana was born June 21, 1863, and married on March 11, 1885, George H. Johnson, of Strasburg, Canada. Charles Edgar was born January 8, 1865. He married on the 29th of August, 1889, Miss Susie L. Morrow, and they reside in Nebraska. Fred Hadley was born December 18, 1866, and now resides in Nebraska. He married on the 10th of October, 1894, Jessie E. Elliott. Henry Smith was born August 10, 1869. He married on November 1, 1893, Miss Annie E. Boyd, and they live near Russell. Gertrude Marion was born March 21, 1871. On the 3d of August, 1898, she married William Perry Wortman and they make their home at Malvern, Iowa. Aylmer J. was born November 24, 1873, and married on the 2d of October, 1901, Miss Mabel Werts. They reside near Russell. Tandy Clay was born October 5, 1876, and married on the 26th of June, 1901, Miss Nellie B. Gasser. The youngest child in this family, Dr. Lloyd Raymond, was born September 27, 1878, and married on the 25th of September, 1906, Miss Katharine Hoffman. They make their home at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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Mr. Allen voted for Abraham Lincoln and since that time has been a staunch supporter of the republican party. He is an adherent of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and is known as a man of exemplary character, upright and honorable in all the relations of life. His name has long been an honored one in this locality, for he has taken an active part in the development of Lucas county since pioneer times and has made many substantial contributions to progress.

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### WILLIAM H. HICKOK.

William H. Hickok, a well known and successful resident of Humeston, was for a number of years identified with educational interests as a school teacher and also worked at the painter's trade during his active business career but is now living retired, having accumulated a competence that supplies him with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. In addition to his home at Humeston he owns one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land on section 34, Union township, Lucas county.

Mr. Hickok was born in Mercer county, Illinois, on the 1st of December, 1845, his parents being Ambrose Nelson and Eliza Maria (Wright) Hickok, both of whom were natives of New York. Harry Hickok, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in the Empire state and passed away in Illinois. Representatives of the family were among the earlier settlers of both Ohio and Illinois. Ambrose N. Hickok, the father of William H. Hickok, whose birth occurred in 1816, was the eldest child of his parents and at the age of twelve years was left an orphan. He became an agriculturist by occupation and was engaged in the work of the fields both of Illinois and Iowa, taking up his abode in Union township, Lucas county, this state, in 1873. His demise occurred in Humeston, Iowa, in 1907, while his wife passed away on the old home farm in Lucas county in 1896. They were the parents of five children. Hannah Alvira, born in Mercer county, Illinois, in 1843, passed away in Lucas county, Iowa, in 1910. William H., of this review, is the next in order of birth. Elizabeth Jane, a native of Rock Island county, Illinois, born in 1847, passed away in Humeston, Iowa, in 1911. Daniel Nelson, born in Rock Island county, Illinois, in 1850, passed away in Lucas county, Iowa, in 1905. He was one of the prominent citizens of his community, being held in high esteem by his fellowmen, and was well known in fraternal circles, having attained the highest rank as an Odd Fellow. He had two sons, Harry V. and Arthur, both of whom are deceased. Clarence Alvin, a native of Mercer county, Illinois, born in 1853, resides at Aledo, within a few miles of his birthplace, and at the present time is sheriff of Mercer county. His children are four in number, namely: Burton O., Robert A., Mrs. Grace A. Brown, and C. Earl.

William H. Hickok grew to manhood in his native county and obtained his early education in the graded schools, subsequently attending the high school at Rock Island and the Illinois Wesleyan College at Bloomington. After the family home had been established in Iowa he returned to Illinois and followed the profession of teaching in the latter state for about five years. Alto-

gether he spent about fifteen years in the schoolroom and became known as a successful educator, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. In addition to his labors as a school teacher he worked at the painter's trade, being busily engaged at that occupation until recently incapacitated by physical disability. As the years have passed he has prospered in his undertakings and has gained and maintained an enviable reputation as one of the substantial and public-spirited citizens of the community.

In politics Mr. Hickok is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Humeston, with which denomination he became identified when but twelve years of age. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, joining Lodge No. 755 at Preemption, Illinois, and enjoying the distinction of being one of the most rapidly advanced men in the history of the order, for he completed the work in three successive nights. For about five years he served as secretary of Preemption Lodge. At the present time he is a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 228, A. F. & A. M., of Humeston. His life is exemplary in all respects and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of highest commendation.

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#### JOSEPH N. MCCOY, M. D.

Dr. Joseph N. McCoy, who for a number of years has successfully practiced as physician and surgeon in Corydon and has built up a gratifying clientage in this connection, has not only become well and favorably known in connection with his profession but also has served as mayor of his home city, greatly promoting during his administration public interests. Dr. McCoy was born in Memphis, Missouri, March 12, 1859, and is a son of Joseph J. and Mary (McCandless) McCoy, both natives of Kentucky. The paternal grandfather was Zachariah McCoy, who as a young man crossed the Atlantic from Scotland to seek a home in the new world and find prosperity in its opportunities. He first located in Virginia, but later removed to the Blue Grass state. Joseph J. McCoy, the father of our subject, came to Missouri in 1856, where he located at Memphis. During his active life he followed agricultural pursuits successfully. He made his home at Memphis until his demise, which occurred in the early '60s. Mrs. Mary McCoy removed to Allerton, Iowa, after the death of her husband, where she subsequently passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. McCoy were the parents of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to maturity.

Joseph N. McCoy, our subject, was reared at home and received his education in the public schools. Having acquired a fundamental knowledge of English learning, he decided upon a medical career and in order to take up studies along this line removed to Keokuk, Iowa, where he attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1882. Shortly thereafter he came to Corydon, Iowa, where he remained in practice for four years, but in 1886 he removed to Coffey, Kansas, where he established an office and successfully followed his profession for some time. In February,



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1898, he returned to Corydon, where he has since built up a clientage of gratifying proportions. In the course of his practice he has become more or less identified with surgical work and serves as local surgeon for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad. His work in this connection as well as in his private practice is of a high order and he enjoys the full confidence of his patients. In the course of years he has not only gained a wide experience but he has natural intuition for the exercise of his profession. He is careful in diagnosis and after he has once recognized the nature of a case he is quick in his decision and seldom fails to apply the right kind of remedy.

Dr. McCoy was married in 1877 to Miss Louisa L. Thompson, of Memphis, Missouri, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson. They have one son, Bernard E., who makes his home in Spokane, Washington, where he follows the same profession as his father, specializing in diseases of the eye, nose and ear. He is a graduate of Barnes Medical College of St. Louis, where he finished his course in 1905. He is married and has one son.

Dr. McCoy is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and has been highly honored by that organization, as he was grand chancellor for the Domain of Iowa for the year 1910. However, he practically centers his whole attention upon his profession. All of his time is given to his patients and he is at their service day or night whenever and wherever needed, going to any inconvenience to be of help in an emergency. He is a member of the state and county medical societies and also of the Des Moines and Southwestern Iowa Medical Associations, and through the medium of these memberships keeps in contact with new work done in the profession and the latest methods and discoveries made in the world of medical science. There is little dissension of opinion regarding the high quality of his work and he has won for himself favorable criticism for the skillful methods which he has followed not only among the general public but also among his colleagues in the profession.

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### ROBERT R. CRAIG.

Robert R. Craig, who since January, 1907, has filled the position of cashier of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Corydon, has by his activities in a large measure contributed toward the splendid growth of this institution. The Farmers & Merchants State Bank was organized in 1883 by William Hughes, Samuel Fry, F. R. Fry, Lewis Miles, A. Walden, B. Harper, J. A. Harper, M. A. Farren, V. B. Smith, S. H. Moore, Carl Moore, E. A. Rea, F. H. Welch, F. M. Everett, W. S. Sproatt and W. M. Pray and its officials were: William Hughes, president; W. S. Sproatt, vice president; and J. A. Harper, cashier. The first capitalization was for sixty thousand dollars, of which fifty per cent was paid in. Later, in 1900, A. Walden became president and William Hughes vice president. In 1901 F. R. Fry was made vice president and F. M. Smith succeeded Mr. Harper as cashier. Mr. Fry and Mr. Hughes then alternated as vice president for several years. In 1906 William Hughes was elected to the presidency and



served as such for one year, and in 1907 R. C. Poston was elected president and has acted in this capacity ever since. F. B. Fry served as cashier of this bank from 1904 to 1907, in which year our subject was elected to this office and has since filled the position with ability and circumspection, greatly to the benefit of the institution with which he is connected. In 1907 William Hughes became vice president and has served in that capacity ever since. In 1893 the remaining fifty per cent of the treasury stock was called upon and was paid in, so that the bank then had a fully paid in capital of sixty thousand dollars. The earnings have in the course of years been added to the surplus and today the bank's resources, consisting of capital and surplus, exceed one hundred and five thousand dollars. A statement from August 30, 1911, gives the deposits at about three hundred thousand dollars and the undivided profits at about seven thousand dollars. The total assets of the institution exceed four hundred thousand dollars. In 1913 the board of directors of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank consisted of John Krouse, R. C. Poston, William Hughes, Belle B. Sproatt, G. F. Miller, A. Heilmann and F. I. Pray. In 1883 the bank erected its own building but the same was destroyed in 1897 by fire and since it has rebuilt and is housed in a substantial two-story residence, of which the lower floor serves for banking purposes, while the second story is used for offices.

Robert R. Craig was born at Freedom, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, in 1865, and is a son of William and Angeline (Rodgers) Craig. The family is of Scotch descent. The father during his life was an engineer and passed away in Pennsylvania in 1892. The mother moved subsequently with her family to California, where she died eighteen years later, or in 1910. Robert R. Craig secured his early education in the county schools and in the Pearsoll Academy, West Bridgewater, Pennsylvania, and while attending the academy also taught school during the winter months. He then started in the drug business, with his brother, in Freedom, Pennsylvania, but in 1886 came to Corydon and entered upon a position in the drug store of W. S. Sproatt. He gave up this employment subsequently and became connected with the clothing, boot and shoe business and later was engaged in the hardware and implement business in Wellman, Washington county, Iowa. Upon his return to Corydon in 1907 the cashier-ship of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank was offered him and he accepted the proposal and began upon his duties on the 7th of January of that year, and has since given his attention to the business of the bank, which has greatly prospered under his efficient guidance. His activities have been constructive in the development of new business and the resources and stability of the bank have through his labor largely increased. He also has extensive agricultural interests, as he is the owner of six hundred and twenty acres, situated in Jasper, Keokuk and Wayne counties, Iowa. This land he rents out and he receives therefrom gratifying returns. Furthermore he is the sixth largest stockholder in the Farmers & Merchants State Bank and is numbered among the men of affairs of his community.

In December, 1890, Mr. Craig married Miss Hattie Beal, of Corydon, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Farrell) Beal, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Ohio. They were early pioneers of Wayne county at the time of their arrival here and resided upon the land on which they first entered for about thirty years. Mr. and Mrs. Craig have three daughters: Marie, at

Pomona College, Claremont, California; Amoret; and Roberta Guinevere. The parents are members of the Methodist church.

Mr. Craig is a republican in his political views but has never sought public office. His fraternal relations are confined to membership in the Masonic lodge. Mr. Craig occupies a creditable and enviable position in the financial circles of Corydon and the success which he has won for himself is largely due to the careful and systematic methods which he has followed. He has always led a busy and useful life and his industry, energy and geniality are largely responsible for the success which he has attained. He is a man of strong character and has come to be recognized as a forceful element in the community, his sterling traits having won him the high regard and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

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### WILLIAM SANDERS SPROATT.

One of the highly esteemed pioneer business men of Corydon was the late William Sanders Sproatt, who passed away on the 29th of March, 1909. He was a native of Indiana, his birth having occurred at Carlyle, Sullivan county, that state, on the 22d of May, 1846, and was a son of John and Eliza (Minnich) Sproatt. The father was born in Pennsylvania, but in early life he removed to Indiana, where he acquired some land and engaged in farming. There he met and married Miss Minnich, a native of Tennessee, whence she removed with her parents to Indiana, soon after that state was admitted to the Union. Both parents are now deceased, the mother's death having occurred in 1905. To them were born sixteen children, of whom our subject was the only one to leave home.

William Sanders Sproatt passed his boyhood and youth in very much the same manner as other lads who were reared in the rural sections of Indiana during the pioneer days. He obtained his education in the district schools, and while there engaged in the mastery of the common branches assisted his father with the cultivation of the fields and the care of the stock. Long before he had attained his majority he was thoroughly familiar with the duties of the agriculturist, which vocation he followed during the early years of his manhood. When he was twenty-five he left home and joining a family by the name of Ledgerwoods came to Iowa. They made the journey in a covered wagon and upon their arrival in the state located in the vicinity of Leon. Mr. Sproatt later came to Corydon and took a position in the drug store of Dr. Chester, whom he bought out. He continued to conduct this enterprise with a fair measure of success until about three years prior to his death, when owing to the condition of his health he disposed of his store and lived retired. He was widely known throughout this section of the state, having been identified with the business interests of Corydon longer than any other resident of the town at the time of his retirement.

In this city on the 21st of March, 1877, Mr. Sproatt was married to Miss Belle B. Bridge, a daughter of Mrs. P. W. Miles, and a native of Marion county, Ohio. Her father, William Bridge, was a member of an Ohio regiment during

the Civil war and died at the front. His widow subsequently married William Miles, the family later removing to Corydon. To Mr. and Mrs. Sproatt there were born two children, Bertha, who married C. L. Clark, of Corydon; and John F., who is with the Iowa Engineering Company and travels over the entire country. Mrs. Sproatt owns a very attractive modern residence, which she erected in 1910, and takes an active interest in the social life of the community.

Fraternally Mr. Sproatt was affiliated with the Masonic order, in which he had attained high rank, being a member of the Davenport Shrine. His political support he gave to the democratic party, and although he took an active interest in local affairs he would never accept an office. Mr. Sproatt was highly respected as a private citizen because of the active cooperation he extended to all worthy enterprises and movements designed to promote the welfare of the community, and as a business man because of the honorable and upright manner in which he conducted his transactions. His death was deeply mourned by his fellow townsmen among whom he numbered many staunch friends of long years standing, who accorded him the respect and esteem ever extended to men of integrity and good principles.

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#### HARDIN L. EXLEY.

Among the successful agriculturists of Lucas county is to be numbered Hardin L. Exley, who owns a valuable farm of two hundred and seventy-six acres in Union township besides the old family homestead in Clarke county which contains two hundred acres. Born in Franklin township, Clarke county, Iowa, on November 5, 1854, Mr. Exley is a son of Thomas and Cynthia (La Foon) Exley, the former born near Leeds, England, October 25, 1820, and the latter a native of Surry county, North Carolina, born July 14, 1826. Upon coming from England the father came to Iowa, where he remained for one year and then returned to the mother country in order to settle the affairs of the family there. Returning to America, he landed in New Orleans, where he expected to locate, but conditions at that time caused him to go to Burlington, Iowa, and he subsequently went to Eddyville and finally in 1854 to Clarke county. The trip to that section was made overland in the primitive style of the pioneers and took place in the spring of 1854. When the father first came to Burlington, Iowa was still a territory. He was by profession a bookkeeper and as such engaged in Eddyville and also conducted a store before taking up his residence in Clarke county. He was one of the earliest settlers in Iowa and one of the pioneers of that county.

The mother was a direct descendant of the famous La Foon family of Huguenots who were driven from France and who settled in Surry county, North Carolina. In 1832 the family moved from North Carolina to Indiana, coming to Iowa in 1842 and locating in Jefferson county. In 1854 Mrs. Cynthia Exley came with her husband to Clarke county, where not long after their son, Hardin L., was born. At the time when they settled there the most primitive conditions still prevailed, Indians were still numerous and wild game abundant

and they endured all the hardships incident to such a life. There were only three houses between their place and Garden Grove, a distance of ten miles, on the main road, at that time. Subsequently the father attained success as an agriculturist and passed away on the home farm in Clarke county, August 4, 1905. His wife survived him until November 6, 1912, when she died at the same place. In their family were eleven children: James Harmon, who died at the age of two years; Mrs. Rebecca Carey, who was born at Eddyville and who now resides in Kansas; Benjamin F., who died at the age of seventeen; Joseph, residing at Sargent, Nebraska; Hardin L., our subject; Sarah E., who died at the age of eighteen; Sanford, of Clarke county, Iowa; Mrs. Mary E. Leach, of Sargent, Nebraska; Mrs. Cora R. Hines, of South Dakota; Mrs. Linnie H. Hines, of Woodburn, Iowa; and Charles S., of Clarke county. The three eldest children were born at Eddyville and the remainder in Clarke county. They all attended the common schools of the community, their first schoolhouse being of log construction and a subscription school such as was maintained in pioneer days.

Hardin L. Exley passed his youth amid the primitive conditions of pioneer life and acquired such educational knowledge as could be procured near his father's home. He early trained himself to agricultural pursuits, assisting his father with the farm work and learning in the school of experience. As the years passed he became an independent farmer, acquiring a total of two hundred and seventy-six acres of choice land in Union township, upon which can be found two sets of improvements. His land is under high cultivation and his annual harvests bring him fine returns. He also gives considerable attention to stock-raising. His buildings are kept in good repair and are modernly equipped and his machinery is of the latest make, installed with an idea towards labor saving and in order to increase the yield of his acres. Mr. Exley also owns the old homestead of two hundred acres in Clarke county, which is in a high state of cultivation.

On July 3, 1884, Mr. Exley was united in marriage to Miss Sarah L. Moore, a native of Lucas county, where she was born on January 15, 1864. She grew to womanhood in this vicinity and has always been a resident here. Her parents, who were numbered among the early settlers of Lucas county, were Riley and Mary Ann (Matthews) Moore, both natives of Indiana. The father passed way in Jackson township, this county, in 1868, and the mother also died in that township. She was a member of the well known Matthews family of Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Moore became the parents of four children: Charles Allen; Mrs. Exley; William Edward; and Mrs. Scrilda J. O'Connell, of Hite-man, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Exley have four children, all of whom were born in Lucas county: Thomas Moore, who was born May 16, 1885, and who is now a resident of Los Angeles, California; Charles Weaver, a farmer, who was born March 28, 1889, and who now makes his home in Union township; Joseph F., who was born February 10, 1893, and who is now residing on the home farm in Clarke county; and Mary Ann, who was born January 15, 1898, and who is now attending school.

Mr. Exley has always been deeply interested in public affairs and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He has been a school director of his district and done much toward promoting the cause of education. In three



in 1876 and thence to Mount Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa, where they resided until 1890, when they moved to Chariton, in Lucas county. In their family were the following children: Charles Wesley, who died in infancy; William, who died at the age of fifteen; Mrs. Goodrich; Joseph, who died in infancy; Mrs. Hattie Go, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Mrs. Minnie Lifenfelter, who died June 13, 1911; Franklin, who passed away at the age of one year; Charles, who died in infancy; Mrs. Ida Rumble, of Saskatchewan, Canada; Fred, who makes his home in Des Moines; John, who resides in Omaha, Nebraska; Joseph, of Chariton; and Mrs. Maude Downing, of Omaha. Mrs. Goodrich was the mother of two children by her union with John Laymon, namely: Mrs. Ida Neighbor, born in Henry county, Iowa, April 30, 1870, who is now living in Winterset; and Mrs. Mina Lusher, born July 21, 1872, who resides in Corydon, where her husband is in the employ of F. M. West.

Mr. Goodrich is well known in local fraternal circles, holding membership in Wayne Post, No. 137, Department of Iowa, G. A. R., of which he has been commander. He belongs also to Fidelity Lodge, No. 228, A. F. & A. M., of Humeston, and was the first applicant for membership after the removal of the lodge from Smyrna. He served as its master for eight years and is today in possession of the articles of incorporation.

Mr. Goodrich has always given a great deal of his time to public life and is one of the most able men in official service in Humeston. For twenty-six years he has been justice of the peace in Richman township and has held office continuously with the exception of two terms. He has made an excellent record, for during the period of his service but three cases went to a jury and but one appealed to a higher court. Mr. Goodrich has held nearly all of the local offices in the city and township, including those of constable and mayor of Humeston, in which latter position he has served for two years, and is at present serving. He has at all times been interested in the welfare of Wayne county and has given active cooperation to many movements for the public good, his efforts being always effective and far-reaching. Living in this section since 1873, he has become well known here as a man of tried integrity, business enterprise and effective public spirit. The spirit which distinguished him on the southern battlefields has dominated his life and has been an important element in his continued success.

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#### BENJAMIN KING.

The history of the agricultural development of Wayne county and of the business progress and advancement of Humeston contains the record of the life of no more worthy, upright and honorable man than Benjamin King, extensive landowner, former farmer, president of the Humeston State Bank, and for many years one of the most powerful forces in the upbuilding of this section of the state. Through a childhood hampered by poverty and limited educational advantages, through early years of earnest labor against discouragement and hard conditions he has now, by way of reward for his perseverance, working always with courage and steadfast determination until success and happiness have





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crowned his old age. He was born in New York, December 29, 1831, and is a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Hanmore) King, natives of New York, who lived and died in that state.

Benjamin King of this review grew to manhood in the Empire state and for two years attended the common schools. This is all the school training he ever received but it has been supplemented by travel, by deep thinking, wide reading and varied experiences and today Benjamin King is considered one of the best informed men in this part of Iowa. Influenced by his determination to conquer all obstacles and hew out for himself an honorable destiny, he left New York in 1868 and pushed westward to Chariton, Iowa, the terminus of the railroad at that time. He and his family settled on a farm in Richman township, one mile east of Humeston, and with characteristic energy and determination Mr. King began his agricultural career. Pioneer conditions prevailed throughout the entire section, settlements were sparse, Mr. King's nearest neighbor being one mile away, and discomforts were innumerable. However, these were faced with resolute courage and were little by little overcome. Mr. King's first farm consisted of eighty acres but he has bought and disposed of several tracts of land since that time and was the owner of one of the finest agricultural properties in Wayne county. However, he has disposed of all of his farming land in order to give more time to his extensive business affairs.

Mr. King's career indicates clearly what may be accomplished when determination, ability and unfaltering industry are strong characteristics of the individual. Throughout the course of his active and well spent life he has by diligence, application and the labor of his hands amassed a comfortable fortune which has been honorably acquired and never unworthily used. He has moved into a beautiful home in Humeston and is to a great extent concentrating his attention upon the affairs of the Humeston State Bank, which he opened on the 9th of February, 1893, and which now has a capital stock of sixty thousand dollars. Mr. King has been acting as its president since the organization of the institution and under his able management it has grown to be one of the strong, reliable and conservative banks of the city.

In New York, on the 13th of April, 1859, Mr. King was united in marriage to Miss Julia Elizabeth Deyo, who was born in Coldwater, Michigan, April 3, 1839, a daughter of Abram and Phoebe Deyo, natives of New York. The father died in Nebraska in 1886 and the mother passed away in her native state on the 31st of August, 1906. In their family were four children: Mrs. Rowena Hasbrouck, of New York; Mrs. King, of this sketch; Martha H., who passed away in 1909; and Mrs. Adelia Hasbrouck, also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. King became the parents of two daughters, both of whom were born in Poughkeepsie, New York; Mrs. Cora P. Fletcher, whose birth occurred on the 7th of February, 1860, and who died at Tingley, Iowa, December 19, 1908; and Phebe Deyo, born September 8, 1862, who for the past fourteen years has been assistant cashier of the Humeston State Bank. Both daughters received an excellent public-school education and Phebe is a graduate of the Iowa Business College at Des Moines. Mrs. King is a member of the Congregational church.

Mr. King gives his allegiance to the republican party and has at all times been eminently progressive in his citizenship. He has served in various important local offices, having been assessor of Richman township, mayor of

Humeston, a member of the town council and city treasurer, discharging his official duties in a straightforward, progressive and conscientious manner. Externally he is affiliated with Fidelity Lodge, No. 228, F. & A. M., of Humeston, and Chappaqua Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he is a charter member. Mr. King deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, having worked his way steadily upward by determined and straightforward effort. He is today one of the most highly respected pioneer citizens of southern Iowa and the progress of his career can be readily traced through his youth of steadfast work, his active, energetic and successful middle age to the evening of his life, which is full of years and honor.

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### OSCAR F. NIDAY.

A worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Warren township is Oscar F. Niday, who owns two hundred and forty-four acres of land located on sections 15 and 16, which he is devoting to general farming and stock-raising. He is a native of Wayne county, his birth having occurred in Benton township on the 7th of March, 1874, and a son of John R. and Catherine (Allen) Niday. They were born in Ohio, but came to Iowa with their parents in the early days and after marriage settled on a quarter section of land which the father had purchased from the government. After cultivating this holding for a number of years he disposed of it and invested the proceeds in some land in Benton township, and there continued his agricultural career until his retirement from active life. He removed to Corydon in 1892, making that city his home until his death in 1898, at the age of sixty-eight years. He was buried in Rush cemetery, Benton township, where the mother, who passed away in 1886, was also laid to rest. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Niday, of whom our subject is the youngest.

Oscar F. Niday was reared at home in very much the same manner as all country youths. In the acquirement of his education he first attended the local schools, then became a student of a preparatory school in Lincoln, Nebraska, and after his father removed to Corydon continued his course of study in the high school at that city for a year. He taught during the winter months and worked on the farm in summers from that time until his marriage in 1899, since which he has devoted his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits. He is engaged in diversified farming and stock-raising, specializing in the breeding and raising of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle, Poland-China hogs and Shire horses. He is also an extensive feeder and buys cattle for the market. His land has a natural drainage and has been so capably and intelligently tilled that his fields annually yield abundant harvests, the quality of which is in every way fully equal to the quantity. His entire holding is fenced, a hundred and sixty acres of it hog-tight, and it is all subject to the plow. Mr. Niday has not confined his attention to the development of his farm solely as a business proposition, but has expended much time and money in making it a more attractive place of residence. Practically all of the sheds and outbuildings now on the place have been erected during the period of his ownership, and in 1911 he remodeled the

house and the year previous he rebuilt the barn, while at various times he has installed about the premises many modern conveniences.

On the 8th of February, 1899, Mr. Niday was married to Miss Ida L. Pray, who was born on the 1st of December, 1875, and is a daughter of William and Letitia (Bennett) Pray, whose history is more fully given in the biography of F. I. Pray, which appears in this work. She is the ninth in order of birth in a family of ten. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Niday numbers five, as follows: Floyd, Hubert, Vernon, Manfred and Evelyn.

The family are regular attendants of the Christian church of Allerton, in which the parents hold membership, and politically Mr. Niday has supported the republican party until recently and now gives his allegiance to the progressives. He enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance in Wayne county, and numbers among his closest friends many of the comrades of his boyhood, which fact pays tribute to his character. As a citizen Mr. Niday is progressive and enterprising, in matters of business he is trustworthy and reliable, and as a friend he is thoroughly loyal and dependable, all of which qualities have united in winning him the esteem of his neighbors and fellow townsmen.

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#### FRANCIS I. PRAY.

Francis I. Pray, well known in Corydon as a feeder of high-grade cattle, has extensive business interests and has been so successful in their management that he is accounted one of the leading and influential men in this part of the state. He is a native of Wayne county, born October 1, 1865, a son of William and Letitia (Bennett) Pray, natives of Terre Haute, Indiana, who came to Iowa in 1860 and located in Wayne county. The father bought land just east of New York and also purchased a farm near Bethlehem, upon which he resided until his retirement, when he moved into Corydon, where his death occurred on the 2d of December, 1897. He was a republican in his political views and active and loyal in his support of the party to which he adhered. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian church. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom eight are living.

Francis I. Pray began his active career by operating a farm which he rented from his father and was so successful in the management of his enterprise that at length he was able to purchase land of his own. He bought a farm in Wright township but in 1895 sold this tract and purchased the old home place. Since that time he has operated this property, although he makes his home in Corydon. He has been successful in all departments of agriculture but from the beginning has given special attention to feeding cattle and is now recognized as a man of note in this line of occupation, to whom years of experience have brought a knowledge which makes his opinion an authority. Mr. Pray made his home upon his farm until March, 1909, when he moved into Corydon, his extensive business interests demanding his personal attention. He is a member of the firm of Teegarden & Pray, buyers and shippers of cattle, hogs and other stock, and is on the board of directors of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank. He is one of the leading and influ-



ential men in this locality, having founded a substantial degree of prosperity upon qualities of industry, perseverance, trustworthiness and high integrity and force of character.

On the 1st of March, 1885, Mr. Pray married Miss Hattie C. Ewers, of Wayne county, a daughter of Smith and Elizabeth Ewers, natives of Ohio, who came to this part of Iowa in 1882. The father was a farmer and followed general agriculture upon a tract of land near Confidence until his death. His widow still survives. Mr. and Mrs. Pray became the parents of four children: William Evan, who passed away at the age of two and a half years; Francis Marion; Lawrence Albert; and Eula May.

Fraternally Mr. Pray is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He gives his allegiance to the republican party and from 1901 to 1904 was a member of the board of supervisors, doing able, intelligent and efficient work in an official capacity. He has been a resident of Wayne county all during his life and has come to be regarded as a substantial and progressive business man, who displays in all of his activities the energy and discrimination upon which his prosperity is founded. He is eminently public-spirited and no measure for the public good seeks his aid in vain. His individual attainments are broad in their significance and his influence wide in its scope since his labors throughout the years have been a cooperant factor in many movements which have been of value to the community at large.

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### HENRY W. GITTINGER.

The newspaper interests of Lucas county are ably represented by Henry W. Gittinger, editor and proprietor of the *Chariton Leader*, one of the widely read and influential journals of this part of the state. The important position this newspaper holds in the eyes of the public is largely due to the efforts of Mr. Gittinger, who ably directs its policy in the interest of general advancement, moral and intellectual development and material expansion.

Born on December 18, 1861, in Washington township, Lucas county, Iowa, Henry W. Gittinger is a son of Peter and Sarah Gittinger. The mother before her marriage was Sarah West, a daughter of N. E. West, one of the pioneers of Lucas county. She was born in Kentucky, but his father was a native of Baltimore county, Maryland, where he grew to young manhood. At the early age of eighteen he entered the United States navy and had the distinction of serving under Commodore Perry in the suppression of the slave trade along the African coast in days long before the Civil war. During the conflict with Mexico he was transferred to the land forces and distinguished himself by the faithful fulfillment of his duties and his courageous conduct.

Henry W. Gittinger was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the common schools of Lucas county, near his father's home. He early showed an inclination for the printer's art and subsequently became connected with the printing office of the *Russell News* at Russell, Iowa. Familiarizing himself with all the details of the trade and the conduct of a newspaper he acquired by thrift and industry the means to set himself up independently and

became the editor and proprietor of the Chariton Leader. His wide experience and innate ability are creditably reflected by this newspaper, which has become one of the important organs of this part of the state. Its news columns are ably conducted and local as well as general items brought before the readers in a clear and precise style. As the prestige of the paper has increased its circulation has expanded and its advertising columns grown to such an extent that the enterprise from a financial point of view is as much of a success as it is as a news disseminator and a guardian of public rights and public progress.

On December 10, 1885, Mr. Gittinger was united in marriage at Russell, Iowa, to Miss Nellie Goltry, a daughter of William and Cordelia Goltry, early and well known settlers of Lucas county. There have been two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gittinger: Howard, who married Miss Gladys McCollough, and who ably assists his father in the publication of the Chariton Leader; and Grace, who is the wife of Mr. Charles W. Sugden and resides in Omaha, Nebraska. Before her marriage Mrs. Sugden was a school teacher by profession.

Public-spirited and progressive, Mr. Gittinger gives his able support to all measures undertaken to benefit the community and improve conditions and affiliates with the democratic party, the measures and candidates of which he staunchly upholds. He has become a powerful influence for progress in his community and a leader for good along moral and intellectual lines as well as an ardent advocate of agricultural development and commercial expansion. Much of the prosperity prevailing in Lucas county is due to the efforts of Mr. Gittinger, who through the medium of his paper has promoted many beneficial measures and has always advised and counseled in such a way that following his leadership far-reaching and lasting results have been obtained.

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#### GEORGE W. LARIMER.

Among the men who have been active in inaugurating and shaping the business development of Chariton is numbered George W. Larimer, who has been connected with business interests in the city since 1875 and who, steadily extending the field of his connections, is today one of the substantial and representative men of the community. He conducts an important abstract business and is well known in financial circles through his connection with the Chariton National Bank, the Loan & Trust Bank and the State Savings Bank.

Mr. Larimer was born in Noble county, Indiana, February 19, 1853, a son of William McDowell and Christiana (Barkley) Larimer, natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, the former born April 19, 1824, and the latter in September, 1825. They afterward moved to Noble county, Indiana, where the father died in September, 1853, leaving two children: Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Howard, who was born in September, 1851, and who died in 1897; and George W., of this review. Afterward the mother and her children moved to Chariton township, this county, where Mrs. Larimer engaged in teaching, being the first teacher in the famous Highland district. She afterward married again, her second husband being Cyrus Larimer, by whom she had four

children: Mrs. Nettie Mitchner, a resident of Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Emma Gribben, who passed away in 1912; Clara, also deceased; and H. H., who was born in 1862 and who now resides in Chariton. The two older children were born in Noble county, Indiana, and the other two in Lucas county, this state.

George W. Larimer accompanied his mother and sister to Chariton township in 1855 and grew to manhood amid pioneer conditions in this locality. In 1864 he began his independent career, securing a position south of Chariton as a sheep herder. He later learned the tinner's trade and received a remuneration of five dollars per week. He paid strict attention to business and was gradually advanced, eventually securing a comfortable competency. He began his mercantile career in Chariton on the 1st of January, 1875, and he continued in this line of business until 1892, each year witnessing his increasing prosperity and prominence. In the latter year he retired from active life but in 1897 became interested in the Loan & Trust Bank, the State Savings Bank and the National Bank, all of Chariton, and he still continues his identification with these institutions. He also conducts an abstract business and he has been very successful in this line, his prosperity coming as the direct result of his discriminating business judgment, his energy, enterprise and progressive spirit.

In 1879 Mr. Larimer married Miss Emma Ward, who was born at Winterset, Iowa, in October, 1855. She is a daughter of C. C. and Serena (Miller) Ward, natives of Hendricks county, Indiana. The parents afterward moved to Des Moines and thence to Chariton, where the father still resides and where the mother passed away. To their union were born five children: Mrs. Larimer, wife of the subject of this review; Mrs. Cora Reeside, of Wichita, Kansas; William H., of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. Molly Fuller, of Chariton; and Mrs. Mabel McMichael, of Denver, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Larimer have four children. Guy W. was born September 24, 1880. After graduating from the Chariton high school he entered the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, and after completing his course there he entered the medical department of the same university, from which he received the degree of M. D. He afterward acted as interne in the Cook County Hospital and is now practicing his profession at Salida, Colorado. Mrs. Mary Paseo was born in May, 1883, and acquired her education in the Chariton high school and in Simpson College at Indianola. She now resides in Carroll, Iowa. Mrs. Edith Copeland was born in April, 1888, and after graduating from the Chariton high school took a two years' course in Simpson College. She makes her home in Chariton. Robert E., who was born June 13, 1894, is at present a student in the Iowa State University at Iowa City.

Mr. Larimer attends the Methodist Episcopal church at Chariton and is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a republican in his political beliefs and served for six years as a member of the board of supervisors of Lucas county and has been a member of the city council of Chariton. He is numbered among the distinctly successful men of the city. Through legitimate channels of trade he has won prosperity in business and has secured a comfortable fortune which he has invested judiciously, evidencing his faith in the future of Lucas county by placing his money in local enterprises. A resident of this section since his childhood, he has witnessed practically its entire

growth and development and in later years has been a prominent factor in its progress. He has made his name recognized and respected in business circles and his personal characteristics have gained him the warm regard and confidence of many friends.

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### CARLTON MONROE McGUIRE, M. D.

Dr. Carlton Monroe McGuire, living retired in Humeston after many years identification with active professional life, is a native son of Wayne county, born in Lewisburg, Clay township, January 22, 1863. His parents were Josiah and Elizabeth (Axley) McGuire, both natives of Monroe county, Tennessee, the father born in 1826 and the mother April 5, 1833. The maternal grandfather, James Axley, was a famous Methodist contemporary of Peter Cartwright and was fully as forceful and able a man, although he did not seek notoriety. The parents of our subject moved from Tennessee to Clay township, Wayne county, in 1856 and were among the earlier settlers in this section. They took up land, which the father developed and improved along progressive lines, dying upon the homestead December 5, 1910. He had survived his wife for some years, her death having occurred September 2, 1897. In their family were five children besides the subject of this review: John H., who was born in Monroe county, Tennessee, in 1852 and who died in Clay township in 1866; James, also a native of Monroe county, who died in Clay township in 1872; Frank, who is a resident of Humeston; Mrs. Mary Wilmot, born June 10, 1866, who is residing in Clay township; and Marion A., born in 1870, who died in infancy in Monroe county, Tennessee, where the family had gone on a visit to the old home.

Dr. Carlton M. McGuire grew up on his father's farm in Clay township, acquiring his primary education in the public schools of the locality. He later attended Garden Grove Seminary and Central University at Pella, afterward entering Rush Medical College in Chicago, graduating in medicine in 1891. He opened an office for the practice of his profession at Seymour, Iowa, and from there went in 1894 to Walsenburg, Colorado, where he built up a large and representative patronage and where he remained until his wife's health would not permit of further residence in the dry climate. Leaving Colorado, Dr. McGuire returned to Iowa and took up his residence in Humeston, where he has since remained. He secured an extensive patronage, which he conducted so wisely and ably that in time he accumulated a comfortable competence, which enables him to live retired. On December 1, 1912, he moved into his beautiful modern residence in the southern part of the city and expects to spend the remainder of his years in well earned rest. In addition to his home he owns his father's farm in Clay township, comprising five hundred and eighty acres of choice land, with two sets of improvements, and also eleven hundred and forty acres of excellent coal land in Colorado, besides stock in the Home State Bank of Humeston.

On the 29th of May, 1886, Dr. McGuire was united in marriage to Miss Eva Miriam Calwell, who was born in Clay township, January 7, 1866, a daugh-

ter of James and Miriam (Elliott) Calwell, natives of Portage county, Ohio, where the father died in 1886. In the Calwell family were the following children: Belle, who died at an early age; Clinton, who resides in Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Lilly Vanderbeak, of Akron, Iowa; Mrs. Barbara Alexander, of Leon, Iowa; Willard W., of Belle Plaine, Kansas; Mrs. McGuire, the wife of the subject of this review; Mrs. Cora Guinn, who resides in Three Hills, Alberta, Canada; James, of Clay township; and Joseph, who died in infancy. Mrs. McGuire also has the M. D. degree and has been a true helpmate to her husband.

Dr. McGuire gives his allegiance to the republican party and his influence is always given to progressive public measures, although his public spirit never takes the form of office seeking. Fraternally he is identified with Huartino Lodge, No. 27, A. F. & A. M., of Walsenburg, Colorado; Walsenburg Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M.; Commandery, No. 18, K. T., of Trinidad, Colorado; and El Ge Bel Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Denver. He holds membership also in the Modern Woodmen of America, the Woodmen of the World and the Royal Neighbors and he and his wife belong to Walsenburg Chapter, No. 14, O. E. S. They are both well known in social circles of Humeston, for they are representatives of two of the finest pioneer families in this part of the state. The Doctor is widely read and a liberally cultured man, a deep reader along professional and general lines. This interest has led to his collecting one of the choice medical libraries in the city and he possesses also valuable books of other kinds. The many sterling traits of his character are known to his fellow townsmen, a great majority of whom number him as a friend.

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### JAMES A. STILES.

James A. Stiles, who is now living retired in Allerton, was for thirty-six years engaged in farming in this county, of which he became a resident in the spring of 1869. He is one of those who first responded to the call for troops in '61, and for more than three years valiantly served his country on the battle-fields of the south. The third in order of birth in a family of five, his natal day was the 12th of December, 1838, and his birthplace Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. His parents, William and Henrietta (Woolsey) Stiles, were also natives of Pennsylvania, where the mother passed away during the early childhood of our subject. The father continued to make his home in the Keystone state until 1858, when he removed to Iowa with his family, locating in Washington county, and there he resided until his death, which occurred in 1873.

The boyhood and early youth of James A. Stiles were passed in the state of his nativity. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in Company D, Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for a period of three months. At the expiration of that time he reenlisted for three years, being mustered out with the rank of orderly sergeant at Camp Dennison, Ohio, in August, 1864. He was captured by the enemy in a raid at Rome, Georgia, and was sent to the prison at Belle Island, but was exchanged for two days later and rejoined his regiment. He participated in all of the battles in which his regiment was engaged, includ-





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ing that of Perryville, Stone River, Atlanta, Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain. Upon receiving his discharge he joined his father in Washington county, remaining there until his marriage in the spring of 1865, following which he located in Johnson county, this state. After a year's residence there he returned to Washington county, where he remained until the spring of 1869, when he came to Wayne county, purchasing eighty acres of raw land which he cultivated for four years. At the expiration of that time he traded his holding for a hundred and twenty acres in Clay township, this county, which he sold four years later, investing the proceeds in two hundred and forty acres of land in Warren township. He engaged in the further improvement and cultivation of the latter place until 1905, when he sold it and, withdrawing from active life, came to Allerton, where he has since lived retired.

On the 22d of February, 1865, Mr. Stiles was married to Miss Mattie M. Irving, a daughter of William Irving of Cadiz, Ohio. She is the eldest in a family of five and was born on the 18th day of May, 1846. Of this marriage there were born the following children: Ada, of Miami, Oklahoma, who married L. S. DeSilva and has five children; Susan S., who is in the state hospital at Clarinda, where she was placed after a severe case of typhoid fever, her mental condition resulting from the treatment; Belle M., the deceased wife of Harvey Ferrel, who passed away in 1907, at the age of thirty-three years, leaving two children; Charles A., who is married and engaged in ranching and the cattle business in Colorado; Alva E., who married Harley H. Hillyard and is residing in this county; Grace, who died at the age of eighteen years as the result of a railroad wreck; and Alice, who died when three years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Stiles are active members of the Presbyterian church of which he has been one of the elders for several years. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a member of the blue lodge of Allerton and the chapter at Corydon. His political allegiance he gives to the republican party and he has always taken an active interest in all local affairs. For many years he was a member of the school board, having performed the duties both of president and secretary, and for three years he served on the board of county supervisors. Mr. Stiles is one of the well known pioneers of Wayne county, where he is held in high regard, having discharged his business affairs in an honorable and upright manner, while as a public official he has manifested the same loyalty and fidelity of purpose which characterized him on the battlefields of the south.

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#### JOHN PAUL REAM.

Lucas county has been signally favored in the class of men who have occupied her public offices and prominent among these is John Paul Ream who is now filling the position of county treasurer to which he was elected on the democratic ticket in 1908. That his service received public indorsement is indicated by the fact that he was reelected in 1910. He was born in Benton township, Lucas county, July 9, 1869, a son of Samuel Mitchell and Nancy E. (Murphy) Ream, who were natives of Hillsboro, Ohio, and were reared, educated and married there. Soon afterward they removed westward with

Iowa as their destination and settled in Lucas county where the remainder of their lives was spent upon a farm. The father always carried on general agricultural pursuits and after coming to this state he invested in land in Benton township, paying for his first purchase only a dollar and a quarter per acre. Ultimately he became the owner of three hundred acres of rich and productive land and in addition to the development of the fields he conducted a profitable business in buying and feeding cattle. In politics he was a staunch democrat and believed firmly in the principles of the party platform. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity and he was a generous contributor to the support of the Seventh Day Adventist church of which his wife was an active and faithful member. He died January 23, 1907, at the age of seventy-one years, while his widow survived him for more than two years, passing away October 7, 1909, at the age of seventy. They were the parents of a large family of six sons and six daughters: Mrs. Emma Webb, who is now deceased; W. D., the owner of an extensive ranch at Dingle, Idaho; Dora Cain, living in Hartford, Iowa; Mrs. Edith L. Burns, who has been a teacher all her life and is now at Shawnee, Oklahoma, after residing in that state since it was opened as a territory; John Paul; James C., living at Twin Falls, Idaho; M. C., a farmer and traveling salesman; Mrs. Ida Parsons, of Joliet, Montana; Duward B., living on the old homestead in Lucas county; Elda, of Montana; and Samuel and Nancy, who died in infancy.

John Paul Ream has always resided in Lucas county save for one year spent in Idaho as a salesman and farmer. He acquired his education in the public schools of his native county and for a few years engaged in teaching, imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He organized the Western Union Telephone Company and has been identified with many progressive movements which have had direct and important bearing upon the welfare, progress and prosperity of this section of the state. He is a stockholder in the Spring Lake Ice Company of Chariton and is the owner of a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Benton township.

Business interests, however, have been but one phase of his existence and have not prevented his active participation in measures relating to the public good. He has also been a champion of the system of public education and has been almost continuously connected with the schools in some official capacity since attaining his majority. At one time he served as town clerk and also as assessor of Benton township. In politics he is a liberal democrat, voting as his judgment dictates without feeling that he should blindly follow a party leadership. In 1908 his fellowmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, elected him county treasurer of Lucas county, he being either the first or the second democrat ever chosen to that position. He ran far ahead of his ticket, a fact indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him. His excellent record during his first term led to his reelection in 1910. He was prominently identified with securing the second rural free delivery route in Lucas county, circulating a petition in support of and working hard for this measure.

On the 21st of January, 1889, Mr. Ream was married to Miss Anna E. Erickson, who was born in Lucas county and is a daughter of August and Anna Erickson, who were natives of Sweden. The living children of this

marriage are five in number. Lester F., Eulala, Roscoe, Cecil and Sidney M., while two sons, Charles and Fred, died in infancy. The parents hold membership in the United Brethren church and Mr. Ream belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules which govern his conduct. Those who know him esteem him highly not alone for what he has accomplished in the business world but because of his fidelity and trustworthiness in every public relation.

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### JOHN C. PHILLIPS.

John C. Phillips, who at one time was one of the most extensive landowners in Appanoose county and for many years prominently connected with agricultural and business interests of the section, is living retired in Seymour. His residence in this part of the state covers a period of forty years and he is consequently well known, having by a life of energy, industry and straightforward dealing gained the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. He is, moreover, entitled to a place in this work from the fact that he is an honored veteran of the Civil war. Mr. Phillips is a native of Ohio, born in 1841, and is a son of Theophilus and Mahala Ann (Moore) Phillips, natives of Ohio. The father of our subject was a son of John Phillips and was of Welsh ancestry, while the mother was a daughter of John Moore, a veteran of the War of 1812, who in turn was a son of a Revolutionary soldier. Theophilus Phillips, the father of the subject of this review, came to Iowa in 1871 and remained in this state two years, going to Kansas in 1873 and establishing his home in that state, where his death occurred in February, 1879. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1852.

John C. Phillips acquired his education in the public schools of Ohio and farmed in that state until 1862. On August 9th of that year he enlisted in Company F, Ninety-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Culbertson, seeing active service until the end of the war. He was mustered out in Cincinnati, Ohio, and immediately resumed his agricultural pursuits, remaining in his native state until the fall of 1868. In that year he went to Missouri and settled on a farm in Pettis county but after three years came to Wayne county, settling in this section in April, 1872. He located first in Monroe township and established himself in the stock business at Centerville, gaining rapid and well deserved success, owing to his reliable and straightforward business methods. In 1884 he abandoned his stock business in favor of general farming, purchasing a tract of land, which he set about improving and developing with characteristic energy. From time to time he added to his holdings, becoming finally the owner of two thousand acres. In all of his business affairs Mr. Phillips is straightforward, reliable and progressive and consequently his labors met with a gratifying degree of success, his industry and enterprise having gained for him such a competence that in 1903 he was able to put aside the active duties of life and enjoy somewhat of its rest and pleasures. He moved into Seymour, where he still has some important business connections, although he is not personally active. He is

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interested as a director in the First National Bank and owns eight hundred acres of land in Wayne county and elsewhere besides his beautiful and attractive home.

On the 24th of August, 1861, Mr. Phillips married Miss Clementine Drake, a daughter of James H. and Caroline (Marshall) Drake, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. Three of Mrs. Phillips' brothers-in-law took an active part in the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips became the parents of thirteen children: Charles E., who lives in Montana; Emma A., the wife of F. E. Stewart, of Moore, Montana; James T., who resides on the old home place; Hosea M. and J. Walter, who are engaged in farming in Appanoose county; Harry E., who died in infancy; Carrie A., the wife of J. T. Richardson, a farmer of Appanoose county; V. Bowen, of Buffalo, Montana; K. Kendall, who follows farming in this county; Herbert H., John J. and Oscar Orville, who are all engaged in agricultural pursuits in Appanoose county; and Roscoe C., of Buffalo, Montana. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Phillips gives his allegiance to the republican party and is progressive and public-spirited in his citizenship. He belongs to Kellogg Post, G. A. R., and thus keeps in touch with his comrades of the battlefield. Being a man of great business ability and executive force, he has contributed during the years of his residence in this part of Iowa to the general welfare and progress. During the years of his activity his energy was untiring and it was through his zealous application to business and his straightforward dealing that he met with such rapid success and is now able to live retired, maintaining the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens and enjoying the comforts and contentment of a well spent and useful life.

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### HARRY KELLER.

Harry Keller, editor and publisher of the Russell Union and honored in 1913 with the presidency of the Southern Iowa Editorial Association, a position indicative of his high standing among his professional brethren, was born in Camp township, Polk county, Iowa, February 29, 1884, a son of Mahlon and Susan (Newell) Keller, the former born near Galesburg, Illinois, and the latter in Coshocton, Ohio. Both came to Iowa in early life, settling with their respective families in Polk county. Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Keller had six children: Mrs. George Lewis of Des Moines; Mrs. Charles Wilson, of Leavenworth, Kansas, whose husband is a soldier in the United States regular army; Mrs. Nancy Lemon, of Milford, Nebraska; Harry, of this review; J. F., who acts as foreman for the Swift plant at Des Moines; and Mrs. J. D. Lynch, of Marshalltown, Iowa.

It was in Polk county that Harry Keller was born and reared, entering school at the usual age and passing through consecutive grades until he reached the high school. His youthful experiences were those which usually come to the farm lad, for he was reared to agricultural pursuits. When but eleven years of age he started in the printing business, in which connection he gradually worked his way upward, mastering the details of the business in its various phases. In February, 1906, he purchased the *Lovilia Tribune*, but the office was destroyed by fire in December of the same year and on the 1st of January, 1907,

he purchased the Russell Union, which he has since continued to publish. This paper was established in July, 1897, and now has a good circulation and a liberal advertising patronage. The office is well equipped and the Union is an attractive, readable sheet, devoted to local interests as well as to the discussion of subjects of national importance. In addition to the printing plant in Russell, Mr. Keller owns a residence in the town and unimproved property, while his wife is the owner of a house and a half acre of land in Russell.

It was in Rummells, Iowa, in 1906, that Mr. Keller married Miss Lillian McAdoo, who was born at Pella, Marion county, Iowa, February 8, 1889, and was educated in the public schools and in Central College of Pella. Her father, S. C. McAdoo, was born in Tennessee and died at Rummells, August 1, 1906. He was a second cousin of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. Her mother, Mrs. Isabelle (Sipma) McAdoo, was born in Friesland, Holland, and is now residing in Rummells. Mr. and Mrs. Keller have a daughter, Isabel Gretchen, born at Russell, November 14, 1911.

Mrs. Keller is a member of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Keller holds membership with several fraternal organizations, including the Knights of Pythias lodge at Chariton, the Odd Fellows lodge at Russell, the Masonic lodge at Rummells and the Order of the Eastern Star at Lovilia. His political support has always been given to the republican party, which finds in him a stalwart advocate, and in 1910 and again in 1912 he attended the state convention as a delegate. He was city clerk at Rummells in 1905 and 1906 and on the 1st of April, 1912, he became mayor of Russell, which position he has since acceptably filled. He stands fearlessly as a champion of all that he believes to be for the welfare of the community, state or nation and he issues his paper in support of the principles in which he believes.

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#### SEAMAN W. LEWIS.

Seaman W. Lewis, well known in banking circles of Humeston as cashier of the Humeston State Bank, is a native son of Iowa, born in Union township, Lucas county, January 1, 1870. He is a son of Benjamin and Rachel (Parker) Lewis, pioneers in the state and for many years highly esteemed and respected residents of Union township. The family was founded in the middle western states by the paternal grandfather of the subject of this review, who was born in New Jersey in 1800 and who came from that state when he was a lad of seventeen, settling in Ohio, where he learned the blacksmith's trade. There he married and reared his family and there passed away. The father was born in Ohio, September 19, 1830, and spent his early life in that state. In 1857 he and his wife moved to Clarke county, Iowa, and lived upon a rented farm in that section until the fall of 1860, when they came overland to Union township, Lucas county, and purchased a tract of raw prairie land. Pioneer conditions prevailed everywhere and there was but one other house upon the broad expanse of rolling prairie which stretched out in all directions and the settlements were few and far removed. The father, however, bent his energies to the develop-

ment of a profitable farm and with the exception of the period of his service in the Civil war, remained continuously upon the property until his death. In 1861 he enlisted in Company G, Thirty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and spent three years upon the southern battlefields, securing at the end of that time his honorable discharge. He returned to his farm in Lucas county and continued the work of development, carrying it forward successfully until his death, which occurred upon the homestead, January 22, 1881. The mother has also passed away, dying in Lucas county, February 22, 1894. To their union were born the following children: Eden, who was born April 14, 1854, and who is now residing in Berry county, Missouri; Ella, who died at the age of three years; Mrs. Mary Jones, a resident of Plainview, Texas; Helen, deceased; Elizabeth, who has also passed away; John W., who was born September 23, 1860, and who is now one of the leading attorneys of Ottumwa, Iowa; Seaman W., of this review; William R., who was born May 11, 1872, and who died in October, 1907; and Amanda L., the widow of W. B. Barger of Ottumwa, Iowa.

Seaman W. Lewis acquired his education in the public schools of Lucas county and remained a continuous resident of that section until he moved into Humeston. When he laid aside his books he followed farming, with which he has been connected during the greater portion of his life. He owns at the present time three hundred and sixty acres of well improved land in Union township and his activities in the management of this enterprise for many years constituted one of the factors in local development. In 1909 he moved to Colorado in order to give his wife the benefit of the healthful climate of that state but two years later returned and on March 1, 1912, moved into Humeston and accepted the position of cashier of the Humeston State Bank. He has already come to be regarded as an able and farsighted financier of great business and executive ability and the affairs of the bank have prospered greatly under his administration.

On October 16, 1891, Mr. Lewis was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Etta Carlton, who was born in Union township, Lucas county, June 20, 1871. In that county she grew to womanhood, attending the public schools of the community. Her father, John E. Carlton, was a native of West Point, Dubuque county, born October 31, 1836. He came as one of the earliest settlers to Lucas county and there died September 15, 1895. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Rebecca Fontz, was born in Canton, Illinois, November 18, 1841, and died in Union township, December 17, 1893. In their family were four children: Charles E., born July 24, 1867, who is residing in Portland, Oregon; Orley E., who was born June 24, 1869, and who is now residing in Humeston; Sarah Etta, who became the wife of the subject of this review; and Robert F., who was born December 16, 1879, and died July 10, 1881. Mrs. Seaman W. Lewis died April 25, 1912. She was the mother of three children: Lottie, who was born August 26, 1892, and died September 16, 1902; Walter Carlton, who was born August 6, 1894, and who is now attending the high school in Humeston; and Nellie, who was born September 29, 1904, and who is pursuing her studies in the public schools of Humeston.

Mr. Lewis gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has served ably and conscientiously as township trustee and school director of Union township. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of American in Derby and

belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Humeston. He is a worthy representative of one of the most highly respected pioneer families in Iowa and possesses many sterling traits of character and mind which endear him greatly to all with whom he is associated.

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### JOHN J. STIRLING.

John J. Stirling exerts a widely felt influence upon public opinion in Corydon and vicinity as the publisher and editor of the Wayne County Democrat, a newspaper which enjoys a large circulation in this district. He was born in Keokuk, Iowa, May 4, 1872, and is a son of John and Harriet (Thomas) Stirling. The grandfather, John Stirling, was a native of Scotland, who in 1858 crossed with his family to the United States and located in New Hampshire. In 1866 he decided to seek the greater opportunities of the growing west and came to Iowa, where he located in Bonaparte, but later moved to Farmington, where he established an enterprise which in later years became of great importance to the growth of this city—the Stirling Woolen Mill Company—which he ran for thirty years, or until his demise. Mrs. Harriet Stirling, the mother of our subject, was a daughter of George Thomas, a native of Pennsylvania, who in the early '40s became a pioneer of Jefferson county, Iowa, and in 1854 came to Wayne county, where he followed agricultural pursuits during his active life.

John Stirling, the father of our subject, married Miss Harriet Thomas in Bonaparte, Iowa, and after this event they removed to Keokuk, where they made their home for some time. He was a printer by trade and on his removal to Bonaparte in 1880 bought the Bonaparte Journal, which he conducted successfully as publisher and editor until 1885. He came to Corydon in 1886 and here bought the Wayne County Democrat, the policy of which paper he directed for nearly a quarter of a century—until May 20, 1910—when he sold the publication to his son, our subject. The father was always a staunch adherent of the democratic party and during the administration of Cleveland served with efficiency as postmaster of Corydon. There were seven children born to the parents of our subject: Alexander, who is a printer and resides in Denver, Colorado; John J., our subject; Hattie, who resides in Canon City, Colorado, and was the wife of Albert McClanahan, deceased; George T., who conducts a printing office in Spokane, Washington; Maude, who runs a ranch in Idaho; David M., who is engaged in the publishing business with our subject; and Roy, who died in infancy.

John J. Stirling was reared at home and received his education in newspaper offices. He early in life became acquainted with newspaper work, learning the different details of the business. He is well acquainted with all the different branches of running a printing plant and became an expert linotype operator and machinist, working in all the big printing plants of the west. In 1910 he bought the Wayne County Democrat. Under his management the circulation of the paper has considerably increased and its reputation is of a high order on account of the firm stand which Mr. Stirling takes in regard to public questions and in promotion of all measures which might benefit the city of Corydon and

the surrounding territory. Its news columns are spicy and full of interest and record not only all local happenings of interest but give a complete and intelligent review of the political situation as it prevails in the state and nation and a readable record of the general happenings in the world. Under the direction of Mr. Stirling the advertising columns have increased in space and the paper is considered as the best medium to appeal to the local trade.

Mr. Stirling was married in 1904 to Miss Olive S. Gaboury, of Colorado. In his political views Mr. Stirling is a democrat and necessarily he has become prominent in the local ranks of the party and has been honored with election to the chairmanship of the county central committee twice. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias and the Yeomen. Early in life he identified himself with the Typographical Union and has remained active in its work, serving as vice president of the Denver Typographical Union, No. 49, in 1905. Mr. Stirling has made a creditable record in the newspaper field in Iowa. He is a man marked by strength of character. He is president of the Iowa Democratic Editorial Association, composed of all the daily and weekly democratic papers of the state, and his opinions upon matters of public welfare find ready expression in his paper.

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#### WILLIAM KENT.

William Kent, a native of England, was brought by his parents to the United States when but six years of age and came to Lucas county in 1869, where he settled in Jackson township, devoting the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits. He was born in the mother country on June 5, 1826, and his death occurred in Jackson township, this county, April 24, 1906, but a few months before his eightieth birthday. He came with his parents to America in 1832, their first location being Cleveland, Ohio, where he was reared and grew to manhood. Removal to Maywood, Illinois, was made in 1865, and 1869 marks the arrival of the family in Lucas county, where a farm in Jackson township was acquired. The property comprised three hundred and twenty acres and to the cultivation of this Mr. Kent devoted his remaining days, attaining remarkable success along agricultural lines. The greater portion of the original home farm is still in possession of the family at this day. Both of his parents were natives of England and the father served at one time in the British army and under the command of General Pakenham participated in the battle of New Orleans. The father's name was Daniel and the mother before her marriage was Miss Ann Cowley. Both passed away in Cleveland, Ohio. In their family were six children, of whom four reached maturity: John, deceased; Mrs. Susan Steele, deceased; William; and Ann and Emma, deceased.

In 1860 Mr. Kent was united in marriage to Miss Anna Wherrett, also a native of England, born in Gloucestershire on January 1, 1842. In 1852, when ten years of age, she came with her parents to America and is still living, residing in a commodious home in Lucas. Her parents were William Trotman and Ann (Carefield) Wherrett, natives of England, the former born







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in 1801 and the latter in 1804. The father died in Berea, Ohio, in 1871, having long survived his wife, whose death occurred while yet in the mother country, in 1844, at the age of forty years. Their family consisted of eight children: William, born August 18, 1829, who died at Kankakee, Illinois, December 11, 1855; Mrs. Ann Parslow, born July 20, 1831, who died at Strongsville, Ohio, January 18, 1865; Eliza, born December 12, 1833, who died April 14, 1834; John, born November 29, 1834, making his home in the state of Washington; Mrs. Ellen Cowell, born November 19, 1836, who died February 23, 1869; George, born May 11, 1838, who passed away at Chattanooga, Tennessee, May 20, 1865, having served as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war; Charles, also a Union soldier, born February 6, 1840, who died at Fort Collins, Colorado, February 8, 1910; and Mrs. Kent, the wife of our subject and the youngest member of the family. All of their children were born in Stonehouse, England. Mr. and Mrs. Kent had two sons: Charles Ellsworth, born at Salem, Columbiana county, Ohio, on September 7, 1861, and now a resident of Jackson township; and John Warren, born March 9, 1867, a resident of the same township. The grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kent are as follows: Ruth, born January 22, 1906; Melville, born November 3, 1907; Irene, born November 9, 1909; and Zelia, born November 24, 1911, the above all being children of Albert Kent; Cleo, born November 28, 1911; and Cecil, born February 2, 1913, both children of William Kent.

Politically Mr. Kent was a republican and always kept well informed upon all government issues. Originally his trade was that of a carpenter and joiner and he was an accomplished ship carpenter, although after locating in Lucas county he followed agricultural pursuits entirely. His fraternal relations extended to the Independent Order of Good Templars, having been a member of the Cleveland (Ohio) lodge. Mrs. Kent, who survives, is a member of the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints of Lucas, to which she gives her moral and material support. Mr. Kent was greatly beloved and highly esteemed by all who knew him and his memory remains with many who esteemed in him a man of high character. Public-spirited and progressive, he interested himself in all matters concerning the public welfare and although born on the other side of the Atlantic, gave in his life an excellent example of true American citizenship. His widow remains to perpetuate his record and is treated on all sides with respect and veneration for her many womanly qualities, her charitable character and kindness, which lead her to take an interest in all matters undertaken in the interests of mankind.

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#### ALBERT L. BARKER.

Albert L. Barker is the able and expert chief engineer of the Old Colony Creamery and in addition is closely connected with business interests of Humeston as manager of the Princess Opera House. He was born in Union township, August 14, 1871, a son of O. J. and Eliza (Almon) Barker, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Iowa. Both passed away in Wayne county, the father dying in Humeston in 1906, at the age of sixty-nine, and



the mother in Union township in May, 1872. They were numbered among the earliest settlers in Wayne county.

Albert L. Barker has remained continuously a resident of this section since his birth. He acquired his education in the local public schools and after laying aside his books learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until he was twenty-two years of age. For the past nine years he has been at intervals chief engineer of the Old Colony Creamery Company of Humeston and is so engaged at the present time. He is an expert in this line of work and has had broad practical experience in it. In addition to this Mr. Barker has since 1907 been manager of the Princess Opera House and has done able and businesslike work in this connection, securing always high class attractions. The building is owned by the Home Bank of Humeston and is one of the finest of its kind in the county, thoroughly equipped in every particular, lighted by electricity and supplied with a large modern stage upon which may be seen all of the modern metropolitan attractions. The people of Humeston greatly appreciate the exceptional opportunities which this theater offers and reward Mr. Barker's efforts by according him a liberal patronage.

In 1894 Mr. Barker was united in marriage to Miss Ollie Stone, a native of Iowa and a daughter of A. H. and Asilee (Taylor) Stone, both of whom are residing in Arkansas at the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Barker are the parents of a daughter, Wilma S., born in 1896, who attended the Humeston high school. Mr. Barker has no political affiliations, preferring to cast his vote according to his personal convictions without regard to party lines. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church. A man of high worth and sterling integrity, he is highly respected and honored in the community where his entire life has been spent.

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#### ABRAM ELMORE RICHMAN.

Abram Elmore Richman is the owner of one of the choice and well improved farms of section 5, Richman township, which was named in honor of his father, who was the second settler in this county and who has seen the entire development of this part of the county and state from primitive conditions to its present prosperity.

Mr. Richman was born on his father's farm in Richman township, Wayne county, Iowa, April 5, 1858, and grew to manhood in this locality where he has always followed farming and stock-raising, having become one of the substantial men of this section in these pursuits. His parents were Marshall H. and Mary Jane (Guinn) Richman, the former a native of Greenbrier county, Virginia, now Summers county, West Virginia, born September 11, 1820, and the latter in the same county, born February 20, 1823. Both passed away in Richman township, this county, the father on April 9, 1899, and the mother on January 31, 1906. They were the second settlers in this township, which was named in their honor, and to which they came from their native county in 1850 by way of the Ohio river to St. Louis and thence by the Mississippi to Keokuk and by ox team to Chillicothe, near the present site of Ottumwa, where they planted and

harvested a crop. After gathering it they came to Richman township and settled there and this has been the family home ever since. At the time of their arrival it was a broad stretch of prairie and the nearest trading posts were Eddyville and Ottumwa. This was the time when the Mormons were driven from Nauvoo, Illinois, and went on their way seeking a new home in the far west. One band of them would plant a crop, the next would care for it and the third would harvest it. The Richman home was the only one on the prairie at that time and became headquarters for the prospective settlers besides being a place for the feeding and caring for the stage horses, and a house where the stage drivers and passengers also could receive a hospitable welcome. Mr. and Mrs. Richman were the parents of fourteen children, namely: Margaret, born in Virginia, October 29, 1842, who died March 4, 1849; James H., born April 1, 1844, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work; Samuel M., born July 20, 1845, who resides in Richman township; Oliver, who was born March 18, 1847, and died April 11, 1854; Ephraim, born November 18, 1848, whose death occurred February 20, 1854; William, who was born August 18, 1850, and died February 23, 1854; Enos, born August 23, 1852, the first white child born in Richman township, who now resides at Huntley, Nebraska; Charles, who was born December 23, 1854, and who passed away two days later; John M., born January 23, 1856, who makes his home in Richman township; Abram E., of this review; Mrs. Sarah E. Kyner, born November 2, 1859, who resides in Kansas; Thomas A., who was born November 23, 1861, and now lives in Harlan county, Nebraska; Mrs. Mary Finley, born September 15, 1863, whose home is in Kansas; and Mrs. Cynthia J. Barry, who was born September 19, 1865, and resides near Hunnerton, Iowa.

Abram Elmore Richman, who has given all of his life to agricultural pursuits, owns two hundred and ninety acres of fertile land upon which he has placed a number of improvements which have greatly enhanced its value. He has introduced every convenience upon the farm that money can secure and besides general farming gives special attention to stock-raising, specializing in Jersey hogs, while Mrs. Richman is greatly interested in poultry raising, having a choice flock of Barred Plymouth Rock chickens. By his industry and energy Mr. Richman has attained a degree of prosperity which places him among the most substantial men of this locality and the success which has come to him has not only resulted in his own profit but has been the means of contributing to the general development of this section.

On February 14, 1893, Mr. Richman was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Sullivan, who was born July 24, 1868. She is a native of Ireland and came with her parents to America in 1872, when only four years of age, the family settling in Pennsylvania, where the father, Dennis S. Sullivan, followed railroading for three years, after which he removed to Corydon, Iowa, and thence to LeRoy, where he subsequently passed away at the age of seventy-two years. The mother, Nora (Foley) Sullivan, was also a native of the land of Erin and is at present making her home with her children in this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan were the parents of eleven children: Mrs. Ella Wade, who lives in Pennsylvania; John, residing in LeRoy, Iowa; Dennis, who makes his home in that place; Mary, deceased; Mrs. Kate Smith, of Boise, Idaho; Mrs. Nora Young, also of that city; Mrs. Richman; Michael, residing near LeRoy; Maurice, who died in Ireland;

James, of Los Angeles, California; and David, who passed away in Pennsylvania. All but the two younger members of the family were born in Ireland, the others having been born in Waterford, Erie county, Pennsylvania. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Richman is one of refinement and culture for both are fond of good literature, and while they did not enjoy all of the advantages of education in childhood they acquired wide and valuable experience in the school of life and as they are both studious of mind and fond of reading they are well informed upon all subjects of the present day. Broad-minded, liberal and public-spirited, they are among the most popular people of the community. Both have traveled extensively and have broadened their views upon life by this means. While Mr. Richman has attained to well merited prosperity he has also been a force in general development and any public enterprise worthy of support finds in him an ardent champion.

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#### GEORGE K. COMBS.

Despite the fact that he has far outlived the Psalmist's allotted span of three score and ten, George K. Combs is still engaged in business in Allerton, where he has long conducted a real-estate, loan and collection office. His birth occurred in Lawrence county, Ohio, on the 18th of November, 1831, and he is a son of Jonas and Margaret (Koontz) Combs, natives respectively of Virginia and Ohio. They were united in marriage in Lawrence county, Ohio, and there passed the entire period of their married life. To them were born nine children, our subject being the second in order of birth.

The boyhood and youth of George K. Combs were passed in very much the same manner as those of other lads who were reared in the rural sections of the middle west during the pioneer period. He remained at home with his parents until he had attained his majority, and then started out for himself. In common with the majority of farmer lads he had been trained to agricultural pursuits from his boyhood, and continued to follow that vocation for many years. He first rented one of his father's farms, which he cultivated for a year. At the expiration of that time his father sold the property and he removed to Logan county, Ohio, where he operated his father-in-law's farm. He resided there until the spring of 1857, when he bought eighty acres of land in DeWitt county, Illinois, and there continued his agricultural career until 1863. In the year last named he sold his place and returned to Ohio, devoting his energies to various occupations until the spring of 1865, when he came to Iowa, settling near Mechanicsville, Cedar county. Three years later, in 1868, he removed to Wayne county, purchasing eighty acres of raw land in Warren township. He applied himself to the cultivation and improvement of this property with marked capability and intelligence, directing his undertakings with the foresight and discernment that invariably bring good returns. As time passed he enhanced the value of his place by the erection of substantial buildings and the introduction about the premises of various improvements, consistent with the spirit of progress he exercised in the direction of his business. In 1880, Mr. Combs sold this place and bought seventy-six and a half acres of land just south of

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Allerton, on which he resided for six years. At the end of that time he likewise disposed of that farm and came to Allerton, where he has ever since made his home. Here he subsequently became associated with E. L. Hart in establishing the first real-estate office opened in the town, which they conducted on a partnership basis for six and a half years. Upon the dissolution of the firm Mr. Combs established a real-estate, loan and collection business which he is still conducting.

In 1853, Mr. Combs was married to Miss Sarah Byers, a native of Ohio, who passed away on the 1st of May, 1909, at the age of seventy-nine years, and was buried in the Allerton cemetery. Of this marriage there were born six children, as follows: Anna M., the widow of H. B. Vance, who passed away in 1906, and the mother of two children, who is living on a farm in South Dakota; Mary A., the wife of William Graham, of North Dakota, who has four children; Edgar L., a resident of Cherryvale, Kansas, who is married and has four children; John B., who passed away in Allerton in 1895; Clara E., the deceased wife of B. F. Puckett of Scotland, South Dakota, who with two of her children was burned to death in their residence at Eureka, South Dakota, in February, 1896; and Luella, who married James Howell of Allerton and has four children.

Mr. Combs is a United Presbyterian, as was also his wife, and served as treasurer of the local church for several years. His allegiance in matters politic he accords to the democratic party and served for three years as mayor of Allerton, while for ten he was a member of the school board, having discharged his duties in both connections in a capable and efficient manner. Mr. Combs owns his residence in Allerton and enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance among the people of this community, where he is accorded the respect ever extended to those who have led useful and honorable lives.

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#### LUTHER H. BUSSELLE.

Luther H. Busselle, prominently connected with financial interests of Chariton as cashier of the Lucas County National Bank and of the Lucas County Trust & Savings Bank, was born in Otter Creek township, this county, on the 8th of February, 1865. He is a son of William W. and Tansen Ann (Reece) Busselle, the former a native of Indiana, born in 1831, and the latter of Illinois. Their marriage occurred in Clarke county, Iowa, and from there they came to Otter Creek township, Lucas county, and located on a farm. The father engaged in agricultural pursuits in that locality for many years but is now living retired at Marengo. He survives his wife who passed away in Chariton in July, 1901. In their family were the following children: Mrs. Flora B. Thompson, who resides in Washington, D. C., where her husband has served as solicitor of the United States Treasury since he was appointed to that position by President Taft; P. O., who resides in Wichita, Kansas, as general manager of the International Harvester Company, a position which he has occupied for the past twenty-eight years, beginning with the old McCormick Harvester Company; Luther H., of this review; A. S., engaged in the real-estate and loan business in Tacoma, Washington; Charles,



who has passed away; and Mrs. Effie B. Henderson, the wife of Dr. E. B. Henderson of Marengo. All of these children were born in Otter Creek township and all supplemented a public-school education by a course in Simpson College at Indianola.

Luther H. Busselle spent his boyhood upon his father's farm and his early experiences were those which generally fall to the lot of the farm lad. After attending Simpson College he settled in Chariton and in 1894 turned his attention to the hardware business, forming a partnership with N. B. Hollinger, with whom he continued for two years. At the end of that time the firm became L. H. Busselle & Company, and the business was afterwards conducted by Mr. Busselle alone. He secured a large patronage and continued active in its conduct until 1907 when he became interested in the organization of the Lucas County National Bank of which he was elected cashier. This responsible position he still holds and his work has been a helpful factor in making the bank the sound and conservative institution which it is today. Mr. Busselle also aided in the organization of the Lucas County Trust & Savings Bank, which opened its doors on the 11th of August, 1913, and he is cashier of this institution also. He is a director in both the banks and recognized as one of the leaders in the financial life of the community.

On the 22nd of February, 1911, Mr. Busselle married Miss Eloise Copeland, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, a daughter of Elijah and Amanda (Baker) Copeland, residents of Chariton. Mr. Busselle is connected fraternally with Chariton Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M., and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is interested in public affairs although not active as an office seeker. In addition to his connection with the two banks above mentioned, he is also identified with various other important corporate interests of the city and he is an extensive land owner, holding in partnership with Mr. Eikenberry, eight hundred and fifty-seven acres of the old Mallory estate in Lincoln. This is the location of the famous Hion, the former residence of the Mallorys. Mr. and Mrs. Busselle live in Chariton and are numbered among the most highly respected and esteemed residents of the city.

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#### LLOYD E. WARDER, D. D. S.

Since 1903 Dr. Lloyd E. Warder has been practicing dentistry in Corydon and along the line of his chosen profession has attained that success which comes only as the result of ability and efficiency. He was born in Webster, West Virginia, November 7, 1879, and is a son of M. C. and Jane (Maxwell) Warder, natives of the same state. The father of our subject brought his family to Illinois in 1885 and located at Evanston, where he followed farming for a number of years. He is now living retired in Hamilton, Illinois.

Dr. Warder is the sixth in a family of nine children. He acquired his early education in the country schools of Illinois and supplemented this by a course in dentistry at Keokuk, Iowa, receiving his degree in 1903. He located immediately for practice in Corydon, where he has since remained. By reading and



investigation he keeps in touch with the most advanced thought of the profession and his labors have been attended with excellent results, viewed from both a financial and professional standpoint. He is a member of the Iowa State Dental Society and has a high standing among his fellow practitioners.

On the 25th of December, 1905, Dr. Warder was united in marriage to Miss R. G. Lovitt, a daughter of O. P. and Amelia (Givens) Lovitt, pioneers in Wayne county, who came to this section from Terre Haute, Illinois. Dr. and Mrs. Warder have a daughter, Lorine Elizabeth. Dr. Warder is affiliated with the Masonic order and is one of the leading figures in the local lodge and chapter. For many years he gave his allegiance to the republican party but is now an enthusiastic "Bull Moose." He is a student of the signs of the times, keeping in touch with the trend of modern thought concerning matters of general interest as well as of professional advancement. He has made a gratifying record as a member of the dental fraternity and has met with gratifying success in his practice.

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### HORACE G. LARIMER.

Horace G. Larimer is prominently connected with business interests of Chariton as a member of the firm of Hollinger & Larimer, dealers in men's clothing and furnishings. He is a man who has risen rapidly by the force of his ability, enterprise and initiative, his interests touching closely the political and business development of his city. He was born in Chariton township, this county, November 27, 1875, and is a son of Wilson King and Margaret (Young) Larimer, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work.

Horace G. Larimer grew to manhood in his native township and acquired his education in the public schools. He moved with his parents to Chariton when his father was elected county clerk and in August, 1900, turned his attention to business in the city. He formed a partnership with Mr. Hollinger under the firm name of Hollinger & Larimer, dealers in men's clothing and furnishings. They carry a large and well selected stock of goods and enjoy a liberal patronage, for their business methods are at all times straightforward and their business integrity beyond question. Mr. Larimer was for three years president of the State Federation of Mercantile Associations of Iowa and for two years held the same office in the Iowa Retail Clothiers' Association. He has made a close study of trade conditions and keeps in touch with everything pertaining to the line of work in which he is engaged. He has other important business connections in Chariton and has valuable real-estate interests, owning besides a modern home a number of pieces of land.

On the 19th of December, 1900, Mr. Larimer married Miss Willie Blanche Hollinger, who was born in Chariton, October 1, 1877, a daughter of Napoleon Bonaparte and Ellen Frances (Blanchard) Hollinger, the former born in Seneca county, Ohio, November 21, 1834, and the latter in Charlestown, Massachusetts, September 17, 1842. The parents went to Wright county, Iowa, in 1855 and moved from there to Chariton in 1872. Here the father engaged in the hardware and implement business for a number of years, later joining his son-in-law in

the firm of Hollinger & Larimer. He is numbered among the best known business men of Chariton and has secured a comfortable fortune. He and his wife became the parents of the following children: Mrs. Clara Culberson, who was born January 3, 1859, and who is now residing in Chariton; Mrs. Lydia Welch, born November 9, 1863, a resident of Des Moines; Nellie, whose birth occurred April 1, 1865; Etta, who was born January 9, 1869, and who died December 21, 1886; and Mrs. Larimer, wife of the subject of this review. Mr. and Mrs. Larimer have become the parents of three children: Mildred, born May 29, 1902; Hugh, whose birth occurred October 28, 1907; and Margaret, born August 30, 1909. The family reside in the well known Crocker house, one of the finest and most modern in the city, and the parents are well known in social circles.

Although Mr. Larimer is one of the most able business men of Chariton his interests have not been confined to this line but have extended to other fields also. He is active in republican politics and has always been vitally interested in the welfare of the party, having attended every state convention since he was of age. He was mayor of Chariton for one term and during that time accomplished a great deal of constructive and progressive work, it being largely due to his efforts that the subways were constructed under the Rock Island Railroad. He has for the past eight years been a member of the Grand Tribunal of the Knights of Pythias of the state of Iowa, is connected with Chariton Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M., the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Woodmen of the World, the Homesteaders and the Yeomen. He is a vestryman in the Episcopal church, of which his wife is also a member. Mr. Larimer is a liberal, broad-minded and public-spirited man, active in community affairs and giving largely of his time and means to the promotion of progressive public projects. A representative of the best type of modern business man, he holds the esteem and respect of his associates, standing among the men of marked ability and substantial worth in the community.

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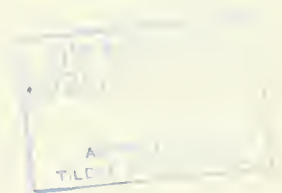
#### JUDGE HIRAM K. EVANS.

Since 1904 Hiram K. Evans has filled the high office of judge of the district court of the third judicial district, comprising Wayne and six other counties and by his strictly fair and impartial decisions has proven himself to be a most capable and fair officer of the law. He has occupied during his long public career numerous other important positions and proven himself able in all relations and positions which he has ever been called upon to fill by the people.

Hiram K. Evans was born in Wayne county, Iowa, on the 17th of March, 1863, and is a son of Hiram and Sarah Jane (Robison) Evans. The father was born in Clearville, Pennsylvania, and the mother in Morgantown, West Virginia. The grandfather of our subject was James Evans, a son of Evan Evans, whose father, Evan, came from Wales to America prior to 1753 and settled at what is now Geigertown, Pennsylvania, where he died. He was one of the loyal soldiers of the Revolutionary war, a member of Captain John Roberson's company of the Pennsylvania State Militia, and also served valiantly in



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several Indian campaigns. James Evans, the grandfather, was married to Rachel Blankley, whose father, George Blankley, served during the War of 1812 as sergeant in Captain Jacob Huffman's company of the First Pennsylvania Regiment of Rifleman.

The distinguished military record of the family was made more lustrous by the son, Hiram Evans, the father of our subject, who enlisted in the Mexican war but was not mustered in, as the close of the war came before he could be sent to the front. In 1862, however, he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-third Iowa Infantry, and was commissioned as lieutenant. For valiant services he was soon promoted to the rank of captain of the same company and served with distinction for two years, resigning at that time on account of disability. He had come to Lee county, Iowa, as early as 1845 but later removed to Davis county, where he purchased government land and from there came to Wayne county in 1856, where he took up a government claim of four hundred and eighty acres, on which he lived until his demise. He was a public-spirited man and enjoyed great esteem and respect in the locality and twice was slated as a candidate for the state legislature. For six years he served as a member of the board of county supervisors and his work in this relation was of great benefit to his county and township. He was a prominent Mason, being a member of the blue lodge, a Knight Templar and a Shriner, and also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His death occurred on the 21st of March, 1903. Mrs. Hiram Evans, the mother of our subject, was a daughter of James and Rachel (McKelvey) Robison, both of Morgantown, West Virginia. Her father was a son of James Robison, a native of West Virginia, whose wife's name was Agnes McCray. James Robison, the grandfather, was a son of James Robison, a native of Scotland, who early in life crossed to Ireland, where he married and came to Virginia prior to 1800. The mother of our subject passed away April 7, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Evans were the parents of nine children, of whom six are still living and our subject is the youngest.

Hiram K. Evans received a country-school education, which later was supplemented by a course in the Allerton high school. He graduated from the law department of the State University in 1886 and shortly thereafter was admitted to the bar. He began active practice of his profession in Seymour, Iowa, where he remained two and a half years before coming to Corydon, where he has since been engaged in active practice with the exception of those periods during which he has served in public office of one kind or another. He has won for himself favorable criticism for the careful and systematic methods which he has followed and has remarkable powers of concentration and a wonderful memory which have often excited the wonder of his colleagues. He stands high in the discussion of legal matters and by his application of legal principles demonstrates the wide range of his professional acquirements.

The ability of our subject along professional lines found early recognition when in 1890 he was elected to the important position of county attorney, in which capacity he served for four years to the full satisfaction of his constituency. Vigorous in prosecuting his cases, he yet maintained absolute impartiality to serve the ends of justice. Only one year after his term of county attorney had expired he was honored with election to the lower house of the



state legislature and was active on the floor of the house in forwarding a number of measures beneficial to the state and particularly his district, and was connected with much important constructive legislation. In 1897 he was recognized by the chief executive of the state in an appointment as regent of the State University and served in this capacity for seven years, being actively connected during that time with a number of measures which resulted greatly to the benefit of this great educational institution. In 1902 his fellow citizens of Corydon elected him to the office of mayor, which he filled with circumspection for two years, promoting improvements which have since helped to make his city better and more modern in many ways. In 1904 yet higher honors awaited him when he was elected to the distinguished office of judge of the district court, a position which he has since held. His decisions are based strictly upon the equity of the law, yet they are tempered by the human kindness which is part of the nature of Judge Evans. He is one of the most capable judges in Iowa and few of his decisions have ever been reversed in higher courts. From September, 1891, until December, 1904, Judge Evans was a law partner of the Hon. J. W. Freeland, who is now deceased, and this partnership while it existed was productive of many excellent results. In every relation, be it along the line of law practice or in the various public positions which he has held and holds, it may be said of Judge Evans that everything he finds to do he does well.

On the 1st of January, 1891, Hiram K. Evans was married to Miss Harriett Belvel, a daughter of Henry M. and Margaret J. (McCune) Belvel. The father was a native of Ohio and the mother of Indiana and they were early pioneers of Iowa, coming to this state about 1856, where they were subsequently married. Mr. Belvel was a newspaper editor, conducting a journal in various places in the state and attaining prominence and importance in molding and guiding public opinion. He was a veteran of the Civil war, during which time he served in Company F of the Thirty-fourth Iowa Infantry. For the last twenty years of his life he owned a paper which closely connected him with his old army comrades, the Grand Army Advocate of Des Moines, Iowa, which he edited and published up to the time of his death. His demise occurred on the 29th of January, 1910, his widow surviving. Judge and Mrs. Evans are the parents of two children: Portia B., who is attending Rockford (Ill.) College; and Genevieve V., who is attending high school, still at home. Mrs. Evans has attained prominence in the advocacy of equal suffrage and in 1911 served as president of the Iowa Equal Suffrage Association, occupying the office of vice president in 1912. On her mother's side Mrs. Evans is a descendant of Revolutionary stock. Her mother, Margaret McCune, was a daughter of Margaret Brecount, a daughter of Gideon Brecount, whose mother was Lydia DeCamp, a daughter of James DeCamp, who served as a private in the Second Battalion of the Second Regiment of the New Jersey Continental Army of the Revolutionary war.

There have been no spectacular phases in the life record of Judge Evans, but his history is one which may well inspire others, showing what may be accomplished when energy and ambition lead the way. Free from ostentation and display, he has by the simple weight of his character and ability attained important public positions and won the esteem and respect of every man, woman

and child in the county. As county attorney he was a foe to the evil doer and law breaker; as legislator a constructive force in formulating beneficent measures; as mayor a powerful influence in promoting civic righteousness; and as judge on the bench a man who at whatever cost upholds justice in fairness and impartiality. There is little dissension of opinion about the powerful influence he has had upon the development and growth of this locality, not only in his public relations but also in his private life.

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### JAMES H. RICHMAN.

James H. Richman, who is one of the foremost agriculturists of the township which was named in honor of his father, who was the second oldest settler in these parts, is owner of three hundred and eighty-eight acres of valuable land all under cultivation and highly improved, located on sections 7 and 8, Richman township. He was born in Greenbrier county, Virginia, now Summers county, West Virginia, April 1, 1844, and in 1850 came with his parents to Richman township, Wayne county, becoming one of the early pioneers of this section in which he has followed agricultural pursuits for over sixty years. He is a son of Marshall H. and Mary Jane (Guinn) Richman, natives of West Virginia, both of whom passed away in this township. More extended mention of them is made in connection with the sketch of Abram Elmore Richman. In their family were fourteen children of whom our subject was the second in order of birth.

When six years old James H. Richman came with his parents to Wayne county and here he spent his boyhood amid the primitive pioneer conditions of the day, early helping his father in the cultivation of his farm and learning valuable lessons in the school of actual experience. In the acquirement of an education he attended such schools as existed in the neighborhood but his advantages in this direction were naturally of a limited order. Remaining at home, he was married in 1869 in Wayne county, Iowa, to Miss Anna Newell, a native of England, who was born February 12, 1844, and crossed the ocean accompanied by her grandparents. Her parents followed her some time later to this country. The father, Thomas Newell, was a native of England and passed away in Illinois, and her mother, Mary (Barber) Newell, was also born in the former country and died in northern Iowa. In their family were three children: Mrs. James H. Richman; Augusta, who died at the age of twenty-four years; and William D., who resides in Linn county, Iowa. All of them were born in England but were reared and educated in America. Mr. and Mrs. Richman are the parents of seven children: Mrs. Augusta Baker, who was born May 18, 1870, and is the wife of the postmaster of LeRoy, Iowa; Mrs. Elsie Sullivan, who was born March 7, 1872, and is residing near that city; Florence, who died at the age of five months; Mrs. Ella Barnett, who was born February 3, 1876, and lives in LeRoy; W. A., whose birth occurred on the 29th of March, 1879, and who is assisting his father in the care of his large farm in Richman township; James E., born April 22, 1881, who resides in this township; and Mrs. Jennie Tresler, born April 13, 1884, whose home is in Richman

township. All of these children were born on the home farm where the parents now reside and there were reared and educated.

Mr. Richman owns three hundred and eighty-eight acres of the best land in this section and in the course of a long career has placed thereupon a number of modern improvements which have greatly enhanced its value. He follows general farming and employs modern and up-to-date methods and ideas in the pursuance of his labors, gaining highly gratifying results by his circumspection, industry and energy. The residence which he has erected is comfortably and well furnished and there Mr. and Mrs. Richman extend a hospitable welcome to their many friends. The political affiliation of Mr. Richman is with the democratic party, the principles of which he believes are most conducive to good government, and although he has never aspired to public office he is serving as school director of his district, being induced to accept that office on account of the warm interest which he feels in the subject of education. A member of one of the oldest pioneer families, he has attained remarkable success along agricultural lines and while his labors have resulted in individual prosperity they have been a vital force in general advancement and in making this section one of the richest agricultural districts of the middle west of the United States. Mr. Richman, although nearing his seventieth birthday, is still active in the management of his extensive interests and continues to lead a busy and useful life. His industry and energy have found substantial reward and he receives the confidence and high esteem of all who know him.

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#### GEORGE M. RUBY.

George M. Ruby is conducting the only furniture and undertaking concern in Seymour and in the conduct of his business affairs has displayed such excellent judgment and ability that he is now ranked among the representative and substantial men of the community. A native of Iowa, he was born in Van Buren county on December 12, 1858, and is a son of H. T. and Melissa (Fender) Ruby, natives of Indiana. On the maternal side Mr. Ruby is a descendant of the Harlan family, representatives of which came to America from Scotland in 1687 and established a family line which has been unbroken since that time. Among the most honored men who bore the name were Chief Justice Harlan and E. R. Harlan, curator of the State University of Iowa. In all there are about twenty-five hundred representatives of this family in America at the present time.

The grandfather of the subject of this review on the paternal side was Tilford Ruby, who was born in Kentucky and went to Indiana at an early date, farming in that state until his death. The father of our subject was married in Indiana, September 23, 1855, and in the same year he settled in Van Buren county, whence he moved to Wayne county in 1875. His death occurred in this section in 1892 but his wife survives, making her home in Seymour. Adherence to the principles of the republican party has long been a tradition in the Ruby family and the father of our subject was staunch in his support of

the men and measures of that organization. Moreover, he took an active and helpful part in the public life of Wayne county and for two terms served as mayor of Seymour. He was a member of the Christian church and a man of high moral character, exemplifying in all the relations of his life the doctrines and principles in which he believed. He was the father of three children: J. F., a farmer who resides in Seymour; George M., of this review; and Willis, who was born in January, 1862, and who is now engaged in farming in Oklahoma.

George M. Ruby acquired a common-school education and spent his childhood upon his father's farm. He aided in the work of the fields until 1896 and then abandoned farming in favor of commercial pursuits, becoming identified with the furniture and undertaking business in Seymour. Since that time he has conducted a profitable enterprise, showing himself at all times forceful and reliable in business affairs, and these qualities have brought him rapid and well deserved prosperity.

On September 23, 1888, Mr. Ruby married Miss Martha Keller, a daughter of Henry and Belle (Hedrich) Keller, natives of Virginia, who came to Iowa in 1861 and located in Appanoose county, where the father followed farming. Mr. and Mrs. Ruby had three children: Glenn, who was born in 1889 and who is now a mining engineer residing in Nebraska; Elsie, whose birth occurred on the 5th of August, 1891, and who died April 13, 1892; and Lawrence, who was born in June, 1893, and who was for some time a book-keeper in the Peoples Savings Bank at Seymour and now is associated with his father in business. Mr. and Mrs. Ruby are members of the Christian church.

Mr. Ruby is prominent in the Masonic order, holding membership in the lodge and chapter, and he is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and for eight years he served with ability and conscientiousness as a member of the school board. He is an active and willing worker for the upbuilding and advancement of Wayne county and stands high in the regard of all who know him.

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#### NELSON J. STARK.

A native of Sweden, where he was born October 17, 1875, Nelson J. Stark has become a useful American citizen and attained an enviable place in the community of Lucas, Iowa, despite struggles and obstacles which he had to overcome. Persistency and industry brought him to the goal, and, although he experienced drawbacks and was at times thwarted in his career, he is now considered a substantial man of the city, where he owns a comfortable home. A son of Andrew and Johanna (Wester) Stark, he came to America with his mother and the younger children, reaching Lucas, Iowa, May 21, 1884, and here the family has since resided. The father was born in Sweden on March 25, 1850, and preceded the family to America, arriving here November 2, 1882. He was a coal and iron miner in Sweden, and he followed coal mining in this country. The mother was born in Sweden on May 17, 1854, and both



she and her husband still make their home in Lucas. In their family were three children, all of whom are natives of Sweden: Nelson J., our subject; Mrs. Christina Baker, born July 24, 1877, a resident of Chariton, Iowa; and Carl E., born November 8, 1879, who is married and resides in Lucas.

The early educational advantages of Nelson J. Stark were but meager, but he made good use of such opportunities as presented themselves. After leaving school he worked for a number of years in the coal mines near Lucas, assisting at an early age in caring for the other members of the family. In 1898 he was employed as a clerk in a general merchandising establishment in Lucas and is at present so occupied in the employ of Warner & Baker of this city. Industrious and energetic, he stands high in the estimation of his employers and has made a creditable record in business.

On December 12, 1900, Mr. Stark was married to Miss Ellen Olson, who was born in Lucas county, this state, March 6, 1878. She is an accomplished musician, having in addition to the common-school course taken musical lessons and is well qualified to teach the art. She has always made her home in Lucas. Her parents were Nels and Anna Christina (Nelson) Olson, natives of Sweden, the former born in 1833 and the latter in 1836. The parents became pioneer settlers of Lucas county, being prominent in their locality, and passed away in Lucas, Iowa, the father on April 13, 1896, and the mother on October 14, 1898. Mrs. Olson was previously married to Frank Swanson, two children being born of this union, namely: Charles Swanson, born September 2, 1868, a resident of White Breast township; and Mrs. Anna Peterson, born March 2, 1872, of Lucas. Her marriage to Nels Olson occurred in 1873 and to them were born: John, on May 30, 1874, engaged in general merchandising in Lucas; and Mrs. Stark, the wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Stark have one son and one daughter: Raymond Harold, born December 23, 1901, attending school in Lucas; and Helen Lorine, born June 3, 1910. Both of these children are natives of Lucas. The family residence is well provided with all attractions to contribute to the happiness of the children, and Mr. Stark's greatest pleasure is to make life as pleasant as possible to his family. Both he and his wife are of studious mind and deep readers, deriving keen enjoyment from the best literature of the past and present. Although Mr. Stark is providing well for his children, the best heritage he can give them is his own undaunted spirit, which brooks no obstacle nor discouragement and which has led him to achievement.

Politically Mr. Stark is a republican and keeps well informed upon the public issues that affect the nation, his state, his county and his locality, although he is not an office seeker. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian church of Lucas, championing all movements undertaken in the interest of Christianity and for the betterment of mankind. Fraternally Mr. Stark is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 133, of Lucas, and has taken an interested as well as prominent part in the work of this society, having been on various occasions a delegate to the Grand Lodge. He is also a member of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, being affiliated with Lodge No. 160, of Lucas, and of Lodge No. 276, of Lucas, of the Woodmen of the World. In spite of financial drawbacks and afflictions, Mr. Stark has made his way unaided to a creditable position in the community, giving an example of what



ambition and perseverance will do if consistently applied. He stands high today in the estimation of his fellowmen, who admire him for his spirit of pluckiness and his masterful endurance in overcoming adversity. There is no one more highly esteemed in Lucas county today than Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Stark, and it may be said of him that he now but stands on the threshold of further success.

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### FREDERICK M. WEST.

The life record of Frederick M. West constitutes an important chapter in the history of Corydon, where he ranks with the most energetic, enterprising and prosperous citizens. He never falters in the accomplishment of anything that he undertakes, his well formulated plans being such as are carried forward to successful completion. He was born in Wayne county, Iowa, September 2, 1874, and is a son of Humphrey and C. A. (Mohler) West. The father, a native of Illinois, was a son of Marcus West of Virginia, who on leaving the Old Dominion removed to Illinois and subsequently to Iowa, arriving in the latter state about 1872. Humphrey West accompanied him and all located in Wayne county. For an extended period the father was engaged in agricultural pursuits in this county but is now living retired in Corydon, his former labors having brought to him a most comfortable competence. He has figured prominently in public connections and at all times has labored earnestly and effectively to promote the welfare and upbuilding of this section of the state. From 1881 until 1885 he filled the office of county treasurer and the record which he made in that connection was most commendable. Unto him and his wife were born five children, three sons and two daughters, namely: Stella, now the wife of W. S. Augden, a resident of Oklahoma; Lewis, who follows farming in Wayne county; Frederick M.; W. E., a physician of Corydon who is specializing in the treatment of the eye; and Mrs. M. J. Evans.

Frederick M. West acquired a high-school education and has since learned many valuable lessons in the school of experience. He was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, dividing his time between the labors of the field, the duties of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground. He continued to work with his father on the home farm until twenty-two years of age, when, thinking to find commercial pursuits more congenial, he established a hay and grain business in Corydon. This has continuously grown in volume and importance and is now conducted along both wholesale and retail lines. He also does a mail order business and is now extensively handling hay, grain, field seeds, fuel and poultry supplies. Year by year his patronage has grown and the business now returns to him a gratifying annual income owing to his capable management and well formulated plans. In 1911 he erected what is known as the West block, a two-story brick structure twenty feet front with eighty feet in depth. It is situated on the site of the old bank which was the scene of the memorable robbery by the James brothers in 1871. Mr. West is

also proprietor of the only grain elevator in Corydon, having a capacity of twenty thousand bushels.

On the 24th of June, 1902, was celebrated the marriage of Frederick M. West and Miss Floy Freeland, a daughter of Judge Freeland, one of Corydon's most distinguished and honored citizens. They have become parents of two children, Freeland H. and Ruth. Both Mr. and Mrs. West are members of the Methodist church and are actively and helpfully interested in its work. His political support is given to the republican party and for six years he served as one of the councilmen of Corydon, exercising his official prerogatives to further many progressive public movements and interests. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias. He has purchased the old Freeland home, which he has improved and is occupying and under its present control the old spirit of hospitality for which it was celebrated is maintained. Both Mr. and Mrs. West occupy a prominent social position and have an extensive circle of friends here.

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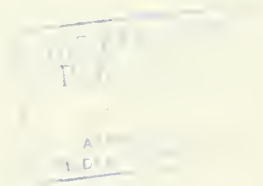
#### ALVA HUMESTON.

Among the men who have been powerful and dominating factors in the upbuilding and development of Wayne county Alva Humeston stands pre-eminent. He is a representative of one of the oldest and most worthy pioneer families in this part of the state, his father having founded the town of Humeston, and throughout the years of an upright and successful life he has made his record a credit to a name which has long been an honored one in this vicinity.

Mr. Humeston was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, August 12, 1852, a son of Alva and Mary (Northrup) Humeston, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Clinton, New York. The parents of our subject came to Iowa in 1864 and settled on a farm in Richman township, Wayne county, purchasing nine hundred and sixty acres at two dollars and a half per acre. Pioneer conditions prevailed throughout the section at the time of their arrival. There were no railroads nearer than Ottumwa, no organized towns and no conveniences of any kind. Alva Humeston, Sr., set himself with characteristic energy to improve his undeveloped land and as the years passed made it one of the finest agricultural properties in the section. Throughout his life he gave active and hearty cooperation to movements for the general advancement and left at his death the impress of his individuality upon the history of the county which he had aided in upbuilding. He passed away in Fairfield in 1899, at the age of seventy-four. His wife died in the same city in 1897, being sixty-four years of age at the time of her demise. In their family were seven children: Daniel D., who died in Mendota, Illinois, in 1901; Mrs. Alice B. Newcomb, who passed away in 1878; Mrs. Susan B. Harkness, of Fairfield, Iowa; L. H., living at Cabool, Missouri; M. W., who died in California, in 1907; Alva, of this review; and Clara, who died on the old home farm in Richman township, in 1874.



ALVA HUIESTON AND FAMILY



Alva Humeston was twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to Wayne county and he remained upon the farm until after the death of his father, acquiring his education in the public schools of the section. Since coming to Humeston he has been one of the greatest individual factors in the business and political life of the community, exemplifying the standards and traditions of his family in his honorable and upright life. He has extensive property interests here, including the grain and coal yards and elevator, besides thirty-nine town lots and an attractive and well furnished home. In the conduct of his varied and important affairs he has demonstrated his resourceful and discriminating business ability and his success has contributed in a large measure to the general prosperity and progress.

In 1874 Mr. Humeston married Miss Annie E. Brown, who was born in Stark county, Illinois, on June 13, 1856. Her parents, Henry S. and Ruth D. Brown, were natives of New Jersey, who came to Wayne county, Iowa, in 1868. The father died at the home of the subject of this review at the advanced age of ninety-three years. The mother passed away at Humeston, in 1908, being eighty-three years of age at the time of her death. In their family were nine children, four of whom are now living, namely: Henry, who resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado; Robert A., who lives in Wyoming; Mrs. Harriet McKinnon, of Viola, Illinois; and Mrs. Humeston.

To Mr. and Mrs. Humeston have been born nine children. The eldest, Adelbert E., is residing in Collbran, Colorado, where he is engaged in general merchandising. Clarence S. was born on the 22d of June, 1877, and is at the present time associated with his father in the coal and grain business. Mrs. Elsie B. Farr was born November 29, 1879, and lives in Humeston. Her husband is the leading druggist in the city and further mention of his career appears elsewhere in this work. Floyd was born on the 14th of May, 1883, and is at present assisting in a general store in Humeston. The two children next in order of birth are Florence and Nellie, twins, born May 21, 1885. Nellie died in infancy and Florence is now Mrs. Wasabaugh, of St. Joseph, Missouri. Charles was born September 10, 1889, and is a member of the firm with his father and brother in Humeston. Hattie B. and Carl, twins, were born December 10, 1892. Carl passed away at the age of nine months and Hattie is the wife of Robert I. Starr, of Milo, Iowa. All the children were born in Richman township with the exception of Mrs. Elsie B. Farr, whose birth occurred at White Breast, three miles west of Chariton, Iowa. All were reared in this township and acquired a public-school education. They are a talented family along musical lines, Hattie and Charles being accomplished musicians. Charles makes good use of his talent in this direction, being leader of the well known Humeston band, one of the best musical organizations in southern Iowa.

Fraternally Mr. Humeston is well known in the Masonic order, being a charter member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 228, A. F. A. M. He was formerly affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. In official circles, too, he is well known and prominent. He was at one time mayor of Humeston, giving to the town a straightforward, businesslike and progressive administration. During President Cleveland's administration he held the office of postmaster, for twenty-four years he was a



member of the school board and has been a member of the town council almost continuously since the incorporation of Humeston. He is broad, liberal-minded and public-spirited, eminently progressive in his citizenship and at all times ready to aid and support projects of a worthy character. Everything pertaining to the town's welfare and advancement receives his indorsement and hearty cooperation and his work has been of practical value to the community in which he labors. A man of energy, positive character, indomitable activity and strict integrity, he has been fully identified with the growth and progress of the state in which so much of his life has been spent and he has won the esteem of his friends and the confidence of those who have had business relations with him.

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### HENRY S. RICE.

Henry S. Rice, who since 1894 has resided at Humeston, Iowa, after a long and successful career as agriculturist in Wayne county, where he cultivated two hundred and fifty-seven acres in Clay township for a number of years, has also earned distinction as one of those men who stood in defense of the Union at the time of the darkest hour in this country's history. He was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, July 16, 1841, and grew to manhood in Greene county of the same state. His parents, natives of Pennsylvania, were William and Sarah (Jackson) Rice, who died in their native state in 1862 and 1844 respectively. In their family were thirteen children, of whom three died in infancy, the others being: Mrs. Lucinda Sharpneck-Cravennutt, deceased; Mrs. Margaret Haver, deceased; Mrs. Isabelle Kline, deceased; Mrs. Sarah Ann Curl, deceased; Mrs. Libby Haver, deceased; William, deceased; James, deceased; Samuel Jackson, who at the age of seventy-eight years resides in Wyoming, Stark county, Illinois; Henry S., of this review; and one half brother, Abel Young Rice, deceased. All of these children were born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, with the exception of our subject.

Up to 1863 Henry S. Rice followed agricultural pursuits but in that year, removing to Peoria county, Illinois, enlisted in Company A with the One Hundred and Fifty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, under Captain Andrews, and served with distinction until the close of the Civil war. He was mustered out at Columbus, Georgia, January 24, 1866, and, returning to Peoria, remained there until 1870, in which year he removed to Appanoose county, Iowa, and there engaged in farming. In 1876 he came to Wayne county, following his occupation until his removal to Humeston in 1894. His farm consisted of two hundred and fifty-seven acres of rich and fertile land in Clay township and to its cultivation and improvement he gave his whole attention, instituting a number of improvements which have made the place one of the most valuable in this section. He also interested himself largely in stock-raising, specializing in full-blooded shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs and deriving from this branch of his efforts a gratifying income. In 1894 he sold his farming interests and removed to Humeston, where he

purchased a comfortable home where he and his wife now spend their declining days in rest and comfort well earned. He has also other city property.

Mr. Rice was married on December 12, 1867, to Mrs. Elizabeth (Curl) Sharpneck, who was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, April 22, 1844. Her parents were Membrance and Emeline (Anderson) Curl, natives of Pennsylvania, the latter being born June 7, 1820. The father passed away at Hopeville, Clarke county, Iowa, in 1901, but the mother is still surviving at the age of ninety-three years and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Rice of this review. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Curl were the following children: John, residing at Indianola, Iowa; Membrance, who makes his home near Cincinnati, Appanoose county, this state; William, of Wellman, Iowa; Alexander and Corwin, deceased; Mrs. Henry S. Rice; Mrs. Airie Anderson, of Union county, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Beal, a resident of Peoria county, Illinois; Mrs. Charlotte Hudson, residing at Cincinnati, Appanoose county, this state; and Mrs. Rachel Fritz, of Washington county, Iowa. The four eldest of these children were born in Pennsylvania but the younger ones are natives of Peoria county, Illinois. Mrs. Rice by a former union was the mother of one son, William Sharpneck, born September 30, 1862, who resides in Davis county, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice were the parents of nine children, eight of whom are living: George Henry, born August 4, 1869, who resides near Omaha, Nebraska; James Alexander, who was born November 15, 1872, and makes his home in Oregon; Theodore, born in April, 1874, residing at home; Thomas Newton, born September 4, 1875, a resident of Little Rock, Arkansas; Mrs. Sarah Ann Steere, born January 3, 1879, who resides in St. Paul, Minnesota, where her husband is manager of a large pickle factory; Emma, born July 7, 1881, who is attending a training school for nurses in Valparaiso, Indiana; John, deceased; Roy, born September 7, 1886, who resides at St. Paul, Minnesota; and Mrs. Laura Syres, born September 15, 1888, a resident of Centerville, this state. George Henry Rice, the eldest child, is a native of Illinois, while the two next in order of birth were born in Appanoose county, Iowa, and the younger ones in Wayne county. Miss Emma Rice was one of the most successful teachers in the state, being employed for a number of years in various of the leading high schools before undertaking the study of nursing. Mr. Rice determined that all his children should receive the very best education that the community afforded, as his own advantages along that line in his boyhood were sadly neglected. This was one of the reasons that decided him to move into Humeston, and he can find pride in the fact that he has sent forth all of his children well equipped for the battle of life.

Mr. Rice gives his allegiance to the democratic party and has always taken a deep and active interest in all matters concerning public affairs. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Humeston and he belongs to the Wayne Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, where he delights to meet his former comrades in arms. Not only have his life labors constituted a valuable part of the development of Wayne county along agricultural lines but the country honors in him one of those who willingly offered their services at a critical period in the history of the country for the preservation of the Union. Although seventy-two years of age, he still interests himself in all matters which concern the city in which he makes his home and

gives his support to all those measures which he deems beneficial. His has been a busy and useful life which has been a serviceable factor in the growth and upbuilding of Wayne county, and although there have been no spectacular phases in his life record his history is one which may well inspire and encourage others, showing what may be accomplished when energy and ambition lead the way.

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### JAMES G. GIVENS.

The late James G. Givens, who was prominently connected with agricultural interests of Wayne county for a number of years, attained prosperity and a life's competence by industry and energy. He was born in Ohio, December 23, 1836, a son of George and Martha (Rae) Givens, both natives of that state, where the father followed general agricultural pursuits.

James G. Givens was reared at home, where he early became acquainted with the work of the farm under his father's guidance, and received a country school education. He subsequently cultivated his own property in that state but in 1876 traded his Ohio farm for one in Wayne county, Iowa, upon which he located in that year. Here he successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1889, when he removed to Seymour, where he thereafter lived until he passed away, June 9, 1909.

On December 4, 1860, Mr. Givens married Miss Rebecca Collison, a native of Ohio and a daughter of William and Mary (Adams) Collison, the former of whom was a farmer of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Givens had three children. John has passed away. Martha Ellen married John Brooks, formerly a carpenter, and she is the mother of six children. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks now make their home on a farm near Seymour. Margaret E. married Charles Mumby, and they have one son. They make their home on the old farm. Mrs. Givens is a member of the United Brethren church.

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### JOHN WILLIAM BREWER.

John William Brewer, who is now living retired in Corydon, for more than a quarter of a century was actively identified with the agricultural development of Wayne county, where he owns three hundred and sixty acres of highly cultivated and well improved land. He is a member of an old New York family, his father, David Brewer, having been born in Elmira, that state, his natal year being 1818. His education was acquired in the common schools of the Empire state and there he also qualified himself for an agricultural career. In early manhood he went to Ohio, first locating in the vicinity of Portsmouth, that state. After three years residence there he decided to continue his journey westward to Illinois, where he settled in 1841. He filed on some land in Fulton county, near Farmington, and as his circumstances permitted increased his holdings until he owned about two hundred

and fifty acres. He continued to make his home in that state until his death, which occurred in 1893. It was in Ohio he met and married Miss Rebecca Picket, who was born in Scioto county, that state, in 1819, and passed away in Illinois in 1888. Our subject is the eldest of the seven children born of this marriage, the other members of the family being as follows: Eleanor, who passed away in 1910, the deceased wife of Captain A. W. Dunn; Emma, who first married J. O. Smith and after his death became the wife of E. H. Scales, of Corydon; one who died in infancy; Hattie, the wife of J. L. Scales, of Corydon; Milton, who is residing on the old homestead in Illinois; and America, who is deceased.

John William Brewer was reared in very much the same manner as the sons of other pioneer farmers of Illinois. At the usual age he began his education in the district schools, and being the eldest son was early called upon to assist with the work of the farm. When he was sixteen he entered Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, and later became a student of Oberlin College, in Ohio. He was a student of the latter institution during the Civil war and in May, 1864, enlisted as a member of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Ohio Infantry, remaining at the front until August, 1864. Upon receiving his discharge he returned to Illinois and then resumed his studies at Oberlin College, graduating with the class of 1865. Subsequently he took up the study of medicine at Charity Hospital Medical College, Cleveland, Ohio, but never completed his professional studies. He acted as house physician at the United States Marine Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio, for the year 1866-67. After coming to Iowa he engaged in teaching for a time, but during the greater part of his active life his energies have been devoted to farming. In 1871, he bought two hundred acres of land in Union township, this county, and industriously applied himself to its improvement and cultivation. He met with success in his undertakings and later extended the boundaries of his homestead until it comprised three hundred and sixty acres. There he followed general farming and stock-raising until 1896, when he retired from active life and removed with his family to Corydon. In 1900 he was appointed by Leslie M. Shaw as delegate to the Farmers' National Congress and in 1902 the same honor was conferred upon him by Governor Albert Cummins, which shows the wide recognition given his accurate knowledge of agricultural needs and conditions. Mr. Brewer is a practical man of enterprising methods and during the long period of his active career wrought a marvelous improvement in his farm, on which he erected substantial buildings and introduced various modern conveniences, thus enhancing its value as well as appearance.

In Washington, Iowa, on the 9th of November, 1871, Mr. Brewer was married to Miss Ella M. Taylor, a daughter of Harvey and Eleanor (Squires) Taylor, who were natives of the state of New York, having been reared in the vicinity of Elmira, whence they removed to Ohio, coming from the latter state to Washington county, Iowa, in 1847. The father was a farmer, but he also took an active interest in public affairs and served for twenty years as justice of the peace in Ohio and likewise in Iowa, being one of the well known pioneers of this section. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Brewer being the youngest of the five who are living. In order of birth the others are as follows: B. H. Taylor, a resident of Minburn, Iowa; David, who is living

in Nebraska; Addison, of Parkston, South Dakota; and Mrs. I. N. Carr of Wellman, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer have had five children: Martin T., who was born on the 1st of September, 1872, a practicing physician of Desoto, Iowa; Frederick, whose natal day was the 21st of January, 1874, now residing in Fredonia, Kansas; Bessie, the deceased wife of William A. Morgan, Jr., of Corydon, who was born on the 23d of November, 1875, and died on the 2d of July, 1910; Sylvia, who was born in 1883 and died in 1888; and Walter L., whose birth occurred on December 14, 1885, now operating the old homestead as his father's partner.

The family are members of the Christian church at Corydon, and fraternally Mr. Brewer is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, and is a member of Robert Jackson Post, Corydon. He supports the republican party, and while residing in Union township held various minor offices. Mr. Brewer enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance in Wayne county, where he has many friends who through the long period of his residence here have had ample opportunity to test the true worth of his character.

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#### LEE W. LUGAR.

Among the most progressive and successful young farmers and stock-raisers of Lucas county is numbered Lee W. Lugar, who owns one hundred and twelve and two-fifths acres of choice land lying on sections 23 and 26, Union township. He is a native of Iowa, born in Clarke county, June 18, 1885, a son of Enoch C. and Rosetta (Poston) Lugar, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Clarke county, Iowa. The father now resides in Kansas City, Missonri, having survived his wife, who passed away in Clarke county in 1886. To their union were born two children: Lee W., of this review; and Calvin C., who died at the age of six months.

When Lee W. Lugar was eighteen months old his mother died and he was taken into the home of William E. Wyatt, where he grew to manhood. He acquired his education in the public schools of Derby and at an early age became familiar with the best agricultural methods, turning his attention to farming when he began his independent career. He owns today a fine farm of one hundred and twelve and two-fifths acres on sections 23 and 26, Union township. He has made extensive improvements upon this property, erecting substantial buildings and installing modern machinery. His stock-raising interests are extensive and Mr. Lugar's attention is centered today in this branch of his business, he having the nucleus of one of the best herds of Poland China hogs to be found in Lucas county.

In October, 1905, Mr. Lugar was united in marriage to Miss Bertha O. Rash, who was born in Lucas county, Iowa, August 27, 1887. She is a daughter of Fountain F. and Mary (Martin) Rash, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia. They moved to Lucas county at an early date and here Mrs. Lugar grew to womanhood, acquiring her education in the common schools. Her father has passed away, his death having occurred in Derby, and her mother resides in Montana. To their union were born nine children: William, who



resides in Montana; Mrs. Susie Poundstone, of Reed Point, that state; Mrs. Lucy Catron, of Bozeman, Montana; Irvin, of Reed Point, Montana; Mrs. Belle Thompson, of Chariton, Iowa; John, of Reed Point, Montana; Mrs. Alice Darrah, of Lucas county, this state; Elmer, of Reed Point, Montana; and Mrs. Lugar, wife of the subject of this review. Of these children the six oldest were born in Kentucky and the others in Lucas and Wayne counties, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Lugar have become the parents of a son, Vertle De Verne, whose natal day was August 16, 1912.

Mrs. Lugar is a member of the Presbyterian church. She and her husband belong to the Yeomen at Derby and he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of that city. He is independent in his political beliefs, interested in men and measures rather than parties. Although still a young man he is an unusually successful one and has already made tangible and substantial contributions to the agricultural development of this section of the state.

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#### DANIEL C. KINGERY.

Among the prominent and successful business men of Seymour is Daniel C. Kingery, who in partnership with N. P. Latimer conducts a large dry-goods store in the city. He is a native of Iowa, born in Adair county in 1873, and is a son of Andrew J. and Sarah (Eshelman) Kingery, natives of Pennsylvania. The family is of Pennsylvania Dutch origin, the father of our subject being a son of Ephraim Kingery, of Pennsylvania. Andrew J. Kingery moved to Illinois at an early date and there engaged in farming and merchandising until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Company I, Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years and three months. After the close of hostilities he returned to Illinois but in 1868 came to Iowa, locating in Tama county and later in Adair county, at Greenfield, where he resided until his death. His widow survives.

Daniel C. Kingery is one of a family of eleven children, four of whom have passed away. He acquired his education in the public schools of Adair county and afterward learned the printing trade. He spent one year engaged in railroad work and then went to Grinnell, Iowa, where for a number of years he clerked in a general store. Mr. Kingery then went to Centerville and from Centerville came to Seymour, locating in this city in March, 1906. At that date he formed a partnership with N. P. Latimer, of Centerville, and together they opened a general store, with which they have since been connected. Their building is thirty-six by one hundred feet and is well furnished, being equipped with everything necessary for the successful management of an enterprise of this character. Every department is well managed, the stock is always tastefully arranged and the lines kept new and complete. In fact the concern has many of the aspects of a modern metropolitan department store, much of the credit for its excellent condition being due to Mr. Kingery, who has proven himself an able, resourceful and enterprising business man of great power and executive force.

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On the 26th of September, 1906, Mr. Kingery married Miss Jessie E. Whittaker, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and they have become the parents of three children. Fraternally Mr. Kingery belongs to the Masonic lodge. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party but has never been eager for office, preferring to perform his public service in other ways. He is interested in the welfare of Seymour and as the years have gone by has won a creditable position as a valued citizen and business man.

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### ALFRED J. WOODMAN.

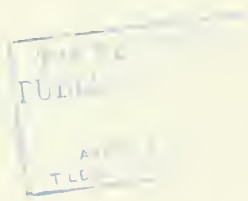
Since 1873 Alfred J. Woodman has been in the hardware, furniture and undertaking business in Russell, and during the intervening years has secured an enviable reputation for integrity and honor in all business relations. He was born in Somerset county, Maine, August 23, 1851, and is a son of John and Rebecca J. Woodman, natives of Maine, where the father engaged in farming and also in surveying for a number of years. He was well known in local politics, holding a number of county offices, and was numbered among the representative men of Somerset county. Both parents passed away in Russell. On the paternal side the family is of old American establishment, representatives of the line having landed at Newbray in 1635. There is still in the possession of Alfred J. Woodman a deed conveying property from Richard Hopkins to the Woodman family. The subject of this review is of the ninth generation of the American branch and is one of five children born to his parents. The others were Dr. J. W. Woodman, Mrs. Eliza J. Fogg, Mrs. Abbie Eaton and Eben, all of whom have passed away.

Alfred J. Woodman was reared in his native county, acquiring his education in the public schools and in an academy in Maine. After completing his studies he came in 1873 to Russell, this county, where he established himself in the hardware, furniture and undertaking business, continuing thus to the present time. He carries a full line of shelf and heavy hardware, farm implements and machinery, and has the best selected stock of furniture in this part of the county. His undertaking business is also well managed and the entire concern is large and important. Mr. Woodman established the first hardware store in Russell and the years since that time have brought him constantly increasing success and prominence, so that he is classed today with the progressive and representative business men of the city.

In Russell, September 1, 1875, Mr. Woodman was united in marriage to Miss Alice Butts, who was born in Cuba, New York, March 30, 1852. She is a daughter of L. A. and Margaret (Young) Butts, the former of whom was born in New York, June 8, 1825, and the latter in Herkimer county, New York state, September 8th, 1828. The family came west in 1867 and settled in Cedar township upon a farm which the father cultivated for many years. He was a captain in the Eighty-fifth New York Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war, receiving his honorable discharge at the close of hostilities. His death occurred in Russell on December 30, 1910. His wife survives him. Mr. and Mrs. Butts became the parents of four children: Mrs. Woodman, wife of the subject of this



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review; Edward, who was born February 7, 1854, and who resides in New York city; Charlotte, born January 9, 1860, living with her mother in Russell; and Harry Martin, who was born October 1, 1870, and who is now a well known capitalist in the City of Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Woodman have become the parents of six children: Mrs. Abbie Boyd, of Russell, born September 1, 1876; Edward, who was born July 28, 1880, and who is now a resident of Denver, Colorado; Bertha, who was born September 14, 1885, and resides in Russell; Arthur, whose birth occurred April 6, 1889, and who is teaching in the State University of Minnesota; Helen, who was born September 11, 1891, and who is attending Knox College at Galesburg, Illinois; and John Herbert, born November 29, 1897. All of these children attended the common schools in Russell and Arthur is a graduate of the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames. He is now a professor in the University of Minnesota. Edward supplemented his public school education by a course in Des Moines College.

Mr. Woodman is a member of the Baptist church at Russell and was formerly identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has held a number of town and township offices, his official record being characterized always by energetic and farsighted work in the public service. He is a broad-minded and liberal man, always ready to lend his aid or material support to any worthy public enterprise, and during his forty years' residence in Russell he has made many substantial contributions to community advancement and progress.

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#### EVAN S. EVANS.

Evan S. Evans, who since 1912 has been a resident of Humeston, to which city he removed so his younger daughter could have the advantages of a higher education, still owns and superintends his farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 3, Clay township, and section 34, Richman township. Having been a resident of Wayne county for fifty-five years, he is one of the pioneers of this section, of the development of which he has been an interested witness and an active participant, and yet has another claim to distinction, for he is one of those who at the time of the Civil war donned the blue and shouldered arms in defense of the Union.

Mr. Evans was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, August 31, 1846, a son of Jeremiah and Fannie (Roland) Evans, both natives of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where the father was born August 25, 1820, and the mother in 1824. The parents came west at an early day and settled at Bloomfield, Davis county, Iowa, whence they removed, March 1, 1858, to a farm in Walnut township, Wayne county, this state, two and a half miles north of Seymour. There the father followed agricultural pursuits, becoming one of the substantial and prosperous farmers of the vicinity. Both of the parents lived there for the rest of their lives, the father passing away in April, 1898, the mother having preceded him in death, her demise occurring in August, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Evans were the parents of seven children, of whom our subject is the eldest. The others are: Mrs. Emma Guthrie, of Oklahoma; Daniel, who



resides near Seymour, Iowa; Mrs. Margaret Harrison, a resident of Spokane, Washington; Mrs. Mary Gump, also of that city; Samson H., residing in Ottumwa, Iowa; and Manuel, who resides on a part of the old Evans homestead two and a half miles north of Seymour. The four eldest children, including our subject, are natives of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, but the three younger members of the family were born near Seymour, Iowa. At the time the family settled there primitive conditions still prevailed, as there were no railroads and the first homesteads were sparse and far apart.

Evan S. Evans was reared under the parental roof, receiving his education in his native county and the early pioneer schools of Davis county, Iowa, whence he had removed with his parents in 1858, settling with them in Walnut township, Wayne county. He subsequently attended business college, graduating therefrom in June, 1874. Studious of mind and fond of reading, his education was far above the average and fitted him well for school teaching, which profession he followed for the following thirteen years in Walnut township, although he followed agricultural pursuits at the same time during the summer months. On April 1, 1878, he removed to a farm on section 3, Clay township, and this was his homestead, on which the family grew up, until his removal to Humeston on December 15, 1912, in order that the youngest daughter of the family might have the advantages of a high-school education.

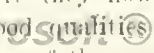
On May 30, 1864, Mr. Evans enlisted with the Union forces in Company H, Forty-sixth Iowa Infantry, doing valiant service with his company and participating in a number of engagements until he was finally discharged with honor on September 23, 1864, returning thereupon to Walnut township to again follow his precious calling. In 1878, when he came to Clay township, he possessed himself of two hundred and forty acres of choice land located in that and Richman townships and thereon he followed agricultural pursuits, making improvements which have made the farm one of the most prosperous and profitable in the district. He has always followed progressive methods in cultivating the soil and has also given intelligent attention to stock-raising, attaining highly satisfactory results along both lines of endeavor.

An early incident in the life history of Mr. Evans which vividly stands forth in his memory occurred April 15, 1865, when with a neighbor by the name of Guthrie he was captured by a gang of bandits, who the day before had robbed a stage near Seymour and had captured Mr. Evans and Mr. Guthrie to act for them as guides in this strange country. The highwaymen were intercepted in their flight to Missouri, north of Kirksville, and although the vigilance committee did not capture the culprits, they made prisoners of Mr. Evans and Mr. Guthrie instead and would have hanged both of them in short order if it had not been for one of the committee, who, on questioning Mr. Evans, became convinced that he was telling a truthful story, as he himself could vouch for some of the facts which Mr. Evans gave concerning the place and the people of the community where they claimed to have been taken captive. When they were overtaken by the posse they were roughly dragged from their horses and ropes were uncoiled and the party was ready for the execution when the party ensued, with the result that when the

above mentioned gentleman firmly announced that he would hold the whole party responsible should they proceed with their threats, the execution was abandoned and they were liberated; but Mr. Evans is firmly convinced that he was never nearer death than at that moment.

On March 21, 1878, Mr. Evans married Mary A. Gump, who was born in Monongalia county, West Virginia, February 25, 1853, and who had come with her family to Wayne county, Iowa, in 1876, where they subsequently lived for many years. The father, Peter Gump, was a native of Pennsylvania, born October 31, 1825, and the mother was Catharine (Park) Gump, born March 6, 1830, and who died in West Virginia, January 29, 1874. In their family were eleven children, all of whom were natives of West Virginia. They were: Eugenius, born April 25, 1848, residing in Walnut township; William Andrew, born June 25, 1849, a resident of Spokane, Washington; Mrs. Prudence Park, deceased, born March 11, 1851; Mrs. Evans, the wife of our subject; Mrs. Rachel Masters, born March 22, 1856, residing in Walnut township; Mrs. Sarah L. Bumgardner, born October 18, 1857, of Numa; James F., born October 5, 1859, who resides in Mannington, West Virginia; Peter L., deceased; Mrs. Rusina Alice Tuttle, deceased, born August 10, 1866; Mrs. Amanda Linnville, born April 25, 1868, of Mannington, West Virginia; and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Evans were the parents of seven children, as follows: Mrs. Fannie C. Yelland, born January 7, 1879, who in the acquirement of her education attended high school at Humeston and for about two years Simpson College and is now a resident of Belen, New Mexico; Melvin J., born July 2, 1880, who manages the old homestead farm in Clay township; a daughter, born March 15, 1882, who died on August 12th of the same year; James P., who was born June 15, 1884, and died September 17th of the following year; W. Ray, born August 8, 1886, residing on a part of the home farm in Clay township; Mrs. Rachel Lee Williams, born April 24, 1890, of Richman township; and Hattie A., who was born May 27, 1894, and graduated in June, 1913, from the Humeston high school and is now teaching in Richman township.

Mr. Evans affiliates with the republican party and has always taken a deep interest in all matters of public importance. For six years he has served as justice of the peace in Clay township and during his term of office has received high commendation on account of his capability, his fairness and impartiality. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Maple Grove, Clay township, in the work of which organization they take an active and helpful interest, giving thereto moral and material support, the parents being charter members of the congregation. Mr. Evans keeps in contact with his comrades of the war through membership in Wayne Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Humeston. Appreciating the necessity of a good education, he and his wife have given their children all the privileges the neighborhood affords and two of them, in addition to a regular school education, have attended Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa. Among the many relics and papers which Mr. Evans prizes highly there is none to which he attaches more value than his first-class teacher's certificate, which was issued to him in 1874. Both Mr. and Mrs. Evans are prominent in the social circles of the city where they now live and the county and are highly esteemed for their many good qualities of mind and character. He has not only been an interested witness of the onward march of

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civilization in this county but in true pioneer spirit has cooperated ever since his arrival here, fifty-five years ago, in the advancement of growth and development. Whatever measures are undertaken to benefit the people find in him a champion and supporter and he was among the first signers to petition for rural free delivery in this part of the county. All of the family are well read and fond of good literature, making ready use of the choice library which Mr. Evans has accumulated in a lifetime. Besides his valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres, which is equipped with two sets of improvements and wherefrom he receives a gratifying income, he also owns valuable residence property in Humeston, including his own modern home.

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### JOHN H. MATKIN.

John H. Matkin, who for sixteen years was closely and influentially connected with business interests of Seymour and previous to that time a prominent factor in agricultural circles of Wayne county, is living retired, having won ease, rest and comfort by straightforward and worthy work in the past. He was born in Putnam county, Indiana, in April, 1849, and is a son of John R. and Elizabeth (Woolrey) Matkin, natives of the same section. On the paternal side Mr. Matkin is of Irish ancestry but his maternal ancestors were of Dutch and Welsh descent. The father of our subject left Indiana at an early date and brought his family to Illinois, where he engaged in farming successfully for three years. In 1854 he came to Appanoose county among the early settlers and there entered government land, acquiring over four hundred acres which he developed and improved until his retirement. He moved into Seymour eventually and purchased forty acres just adjoining the town, upon which he lived until his death, which occurred on the 19th of November, 1906. His town property has now all been sold as residence lots. John R. Matkin was during his life one of the most prominent and successful men in this part of Iowa and naturally was brought into important relations with the public life of his community. For two terms he served as mayor of Seymour upon the republican ticket, giving to the city a straightforward, progressive and businesslike administration. Fraternally he was connected with the Masonic order, holding membership in the lodge, and his religious views were in accord with the doctrines of the Methodist church. He was married four times and became the father of seven children, of whom only three are now living.

John H. Matkin acquired his education in the public schools of Iowa and spent his childhood upon his father's farm. When he began his active career he purchased two hundred acres of the old homestead and upon this tract of land engaged successfully in general agricultural pursuits until 1885, when he moved into Seymour in order to engage in business. For sixteen years thereafter he was prominent in business circles of the community, for he soon proved himself resourceful and reliable and able to carry forward to successful completion the projects which he undertook. At first he opened a restaurant but disposed of this in order to conduct a grocery store and finally he became the proprietor of one of the finest general merchandise establishments in the city. All of his business affairs were conducted in a straightforward

and progressive way and as a result Mr. Matkin acquired a substantial fortune which has enabled him to retire and spend the later years of his life in ease and comfort. In Seymour he built a beautiful home in which he resides and which he has made a hospitable meeting-place for his many friends. During the period of his residence here he has erected and sold a great number of residences and business buildings and has also dealt extensively in city property.

Mr. Matkin has been married three times. His first union occurred on the 19th of June, 1870, when he wedded Miss Catherine Manning, who died on the 9th of April, 1877. On March 6, 1880, Mr. Matkin married Miss Sarah Runnells, who passed away on the 22d of July, 1887. Mr. Matkin's third marriage occurred on June 19, 1910, when he wedded Miss Melissa Walters, of Seymour. He is the father of three children by his first wife and two by his second union, all of whom are now deceased except Mrs. Augustus Erwin, who resides in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Matkin are devout members of the Methodist church. Mr. Matkin gives his allegiance to the republican party and takes an active interest in the affairs of the community, although this never takes the form of office seeking. He is a man of keen business insight and progressive spirit and these qualities, which have dominated and influenced his business career, have been the chief factors in gaining for him the rest and retirement he is now enjoying.

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#### LEMUEL KIMPLE.

Lemuel Kimple, of Corydon, is a man of large affairs who is not only one of the large land owners of Wayne county but is also, as a result of his activities along agricultural lines, interested in a number of banks in this section of the state, and he has handled large quantities of grain, buying and selling this commodity. Moreover, he has attained high rank and prominence in Masonic circles. He was born in West Virginia, November 29, 1850, a son of George and Margaret (Lutes) Gartland Kimple. The father was born in the state of New Jersey, in August, 1812, and was only six years of age when the grandfather died, leaving a family of nine children of whom the father was the seventh in order of birth. Early in life he had to depend upon himself for his support and as soon as he had finished his education he apprenticed himself to the tailoring trade and having acquired a thorough knowledge of the details of the business opened a shop at Harmony, New Jersey. In 1837 he removed to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1839, when another change of residence was made to Marshall county, West Virginia. Arriving in that state he gave up his trade and located on a farm which he improved and cultivated until his death. He was twice married, wedding in 1833 a Miss Foster, who passed away several years later in early womanhood. In 1845 he married Mrs. Margaret Gartland, who was a Miss Lutes before her first marriage. Mr. Kimple was the father of ten children, seven of whom were born of his second marriage, and of this number five are now living.

Lemuel Kimple received his early education in the subscription schools near his father's home in West Virginia, walking during the winter for three months two miles every day to the schoolhouse. During the summer seasons he worked



on the farm of his father, acquainting himself with the methods of agriculture. In 1876 he came to Iowa and bought a tract of land at nine dollars per acre which only six months later he sold, practically doubling his investment, at a price of seventeen dollars per acre. Ever since he came to this state he has been largely engaged in farming, following systematic and progressive methods, and has achieved success in this line by his industry and energy, investing his profits in land as opportunity favored, and he is now the owner of eighteen hundred acres of valuable agricultural property in this county. As his income has increased he has made profitable investments along the banking line, holding a large block of stock in the First National Bank of Corydon, in the affairs of which institution he takes active participation as vice president, and the soundness and stability of this bank and its yearly increasing business is in no small measure due to the wise counsel of Mr. Kimple in his capacity as an officer of the same. He is also interested to a considerable extent in the Allerton State Bank and the Clio State Savings Bank. While he has made farming the principal occupation of his life he has branched out in a line of business which is intimately connected with this activity, that of dealing in grain, and for eighteen years has bought and sold large quantities of this commodity at Harvard, Iowa. Along lines with which he has occupied himself his work has always been of a high order and he has been actuated by that laudable ambition which invariably results in success. His activities, however, have been largely constructive in the development of the agricultural resources of this section and therefore have greatly contributed to growth and expansion.

Mr. Kimple married, on the 2d of March, 1876, Miss Josephine Hood, a native of Virginia and a daughter of Samuel and Elsie (Gallagher) Hood, natives of that state, of Irish descent. He was married in West Virginia and brought his wife to Iowa shortly thereafter. Mr. and Mrs. Kimple became the parents of ten children, eight of whom are living: Emma A., at home; George Harold, residing at Harvard; May Belle, the wife of Walter West, of Corydon; Lillian B., who married Merton Opp, a resident of Corydon; Carl W., who looks after his father's farming interests; Roxie, a school teacher; Carrie, who died in infancy; James, attending school; Margaret, at home; and Ocie, who died at the age of five years. The family are members of the Methodist church, in which organization they are prominent, taking an active part in its various branches.

Mr. Kimple's political affiliations are with the republican party and during his long residence in Corydon he has attained prominence in its local ranks and his advice is often sought along political lines. In 1895 he was put forth as a candidate of his party for the office of county treasurer and was elected by a gratifying majority, serving his constituents with ability for a term of four years, discharging his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. In the Masonic order he has attained a high rank and is prominent in this body not only in the blue lodge but also as a chapter Mason, and belongs to the council while he holds the office of treasurer of the blue lodge and chapter. Viewed from every angle the life work of Mr. Kimple has been thoroughly effective and he has not only been an interested witness of the changes that have occurred in this section but has been a prominent factor in general advancement. Every measure that makes for the improvement of conditions in this section, for the



betterment and welfare of the people, finds in him a ready supporter and by the busy, active and useful life which he lives he contributes not only to his own success but is important in the furtherance of general prosperity in this section which he has helped to make one of the most prosperous farming communities in the middle west. Everything he has undertaken he has done in the spirit of advancement that has carried along others whom he has helped by wise counsel based upon knowledge which he has derived from the experiences of a long and active life. Wayne county and Corydon have been made better and richer by his endeavors.

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### ALBERT BLACK.

Albert Black, who is a native of Washington township, Wayne county, being born June 26, 1876, is prominent in the commercial circles of Humeston in connection with the Old Colony Creamery, with which corporation he holds the position of head bookkeeper. He has been connected with this large enterprise, the yearly output of which amounts to over one million dollars, since 1896, and through industry, energy and perseverance has reached the important position which he now holds with this concern.

The parents of Mr. Black were Andrew Jackson and Elizabeth (Snyder) Black, the latter of whom passed away in Washington township, Wayne county, in August, 1878. The father was married three times and to his first union were born: Elmer E., a resident of New York, Wayne county, and who has taught school in Lucas and Wayne counties for the past thirty-two years, born February 13, 1863; Mrs. Ada F. Webster, who was born August 13, 1865, and who died March 20, 1913; George H., born November 20, 1867; Charles R., born May 14, 1870, a resident of Taunton, Massachusetts; W. L., born July 20, 1873, a rural mail carrier employed at the Humeston post office; and Albert, of this review. To the second marriage of the father was born one child, Harry, on February 5, 1881, who is a resident of Wayne county. Of the third marriage which the father contracted were born six children, four daughters and two sons: James, born June 23, 1884, of Humeston, Iowa; Alma Harriet, born June 24, 1885, a teacher in the public schools of Pacific Junction, Iowa; Frances F., born April 21, 1887, teaching school near Oskaloosa, Iowa; Mrs. Nellie Willard, a resident of Collbran, Colorado; Mrs. Daisy Shaw, residing in Alex, Oklahoma; and Claude, born June 21, 1895, attending high school in Humeston. The last wife of Andrew J. Black had a daughter by a former marriage, Mrs. Eliza Catharine Nye, born August 13, 1878, who resides at Centerville, Iowa. The father operated a farm until 1893, when the family removed to Humeston, where the parents now reside in a comfortable home.

Albert Black grew to manhood upon his father's farm and has subsequently been continually a resident of Humeston. Until sixteen years of age he attended public school and afterward took a course at the Central Normal University of Humeston. Subsequently he taught school for two terms and then entered the employ of James L. Humphrey, Jr., as common laborer, on July 14, 1896, becoming identified with the enterprise of which he is now head bookkeeper.

His ability, diligence and attention to business soon received recognition and he was advanced from position to position until he was placed in charge of the bookkeeping department of the large establishment at Humeston. He is the second oldest employe of the company, H. D. Hines, general superintendent, having become connected therewith only a few days before him, and they have been coworkers ever since. The business was at first known as the Wayne County Creamery but upon becoming the property of James L. Humphrey, Jr., the name was changed to the Old Colony Creamery and their goods, which are well known from ocean to ocean, are known under that brand. Mr. Black has in no small measure contributed by his services to the success of the concern and his ability has often received commendation from the management.

On June 18, 1902, Mr. Black was married to Miss Mabel I. Kahler, a native of Clay township, Wayne county, where she was born June 21, 1883, and where she attended public school and grew to womanhood. Her parents were William H. and Barbara (Strunk) Kahler, the former a native of Ohio, who died in Humeston, August 12, 1906, the latter now making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Black, at Humeston. In the Kahler family were the following children: Lola, a child of the former marriage of Mr. Kahler; one who has passed away; Mrs. Myra Watson, residing at Fort Collins, Colorado; W. L., a resident of Livingston, Montana; Mrs. Albert Black; and D. G., of Butte, Montana. The children were all born and reared in Wayne county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Black have two sons, both born at Humeston; Eugene Leslie, born May 21, 1903; and Albert Raymond, born September 13, 1905. Both are now attending public school in their native city.

Mr. Black is a democrat and takes an active interest in local public affairs. He has been elected to the office of city clerk of Humeston and at this writing serves as secretary of the board of education. Mrs. Black is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which she takes an active and helpful interest. Their home is comfortable and well furnished and there they extend a warm-hearted hospitality to their many friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Black are interested in the higher things of life and well read, being popular in the best social circles of the city. His energy and industry have found substantial reward in the position which he has attained in connection with the foremost industrial establishment of this section and the creditable record he has made has won him the high regard and confidence of all those with whom he has come in contact.

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### JOHN SCHNEBLY

A history of Lucas county would indeed be incomplete without extended mention of John Schnebly, who had resided here for many years previous to his death, which occurred June 17, 1913, when he had passed his eightieth birthday. He came to this county in 1857, settling in Jackson township, where he made his home until his death. Not only was he an interested witness of the changes that transformed the raw prairie into fertile fields but a helpful and cooperant factor in the transformation. Since he has passed away there





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is but one person left in the township who voted at the first election held here. The reminiscences of Mr. Schnebly, covering the period when he first landed here by stage coach, in Chariton, in 1857, until the time of his demise, were of great historical value. A deep reader and a student of conditions and human nature, his mind became a storehouse of facts in relation to the advancement and development of this section and he possessed the faculty of interesting and vivid description, which made his stories of pioneerdom the more valuable. He became one of the substantial men of the locality, owning at the time of his death a valuable farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Jackson township, located on sections 17, 18, 20 and 22, under high cultivation and well improved. A man of public spirit, he, moreover, played an important role in the public life of his community and was ever in the front ranks with those who promoted worthy public projects.

John Schnebly was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, on December 16, 1832, and when only four years of age was brought by his parents to Medina county, Ohio, where they settled in 1836 and remained until 1852. Here he attended the common schools and also followed farming. His parents were Daniel and Rosana (Eversole) Schnebly, both natives of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where the former was born in November, 1809, and the latter in 1808. The father died in January, 1863, in Medina county, Ohio, his first wife having long preceded him, on December 29, 1838. They were among the pioneer families of that state and were highly respected and regarded in the community in which they made their home. Of this union were born: John, of this review; Henry, who was born June 25, 1834, and resides in Tennessee; Abraham, born July 11, 1836, who died on May 10, 1837; and Mrs. Elizabeth Hewitt, who was born April 24, 1838, and died in Lucas on January 18, 1874. After the death of his first wife the father was again married, his second union being with Miss Amelia Williams, who was born February 25, 1811, and died November 8, 1892, at the age of eighty-one years. Of this union were born: Alice, December 24, 1839, a resident of Michigan; Bower, who was born May 17, 1841, and was killed in the battle of Winchester, in Sheridan's campaign, on June 13, 1863; Hortense, born May 14, 1843, who has also passed away; Daniel, born in February, 1845, who died in Brownsville, Texas; Hiram, born January 16, 1847, a resident of York, Nebraska; Lewis Cass, born July 1, 1848, who died March 15, 1910; and William Riley, born June 7, 1850, who resides at Oxnard, Ventura county, California. Of these children the two eldest, including our subject, were born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and the younger in Ohio.

Having made Medina county, Ohio, his home until 1852, John Schnebly of this review went to California by way of the Isthmus route and, rowing down the Chagres river, proceeded thence by steamer to San Francisco, where he remained for four years. His California venture was attended with varying success and at the end of that period he returned to Ohio but only visited a short time, after which he set out on an overland trip to Lucas county in 1857, settling in Jackson township, of which he was a resident until his death. There were no railroads at the time, and all the land was unbroken prairie when he landed at Chariton by stage coach. This now prosperous and flourishing city was then a mere hamlet and Mr. Schnebly was truly entitled to the appel-

lation of pioneer, for he witnessed the transformation of this stretch of wild land into one of the greatest agricultural countries. He talked very interestingly of his travels, which took him all over the American continent, and possessed the rare faculty of portraying interestingly the many scenes and incidents which he saw and experienced. Giving his entire attention to reaching the goal of independence, he set out with unswerving industry to cultivate his land and as the years passed prosperity rewarded his labors and he owned a highly cultivated, well improved farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Jackson township, on sections 17, 18, 20 and 22, equipped with all modern machinery and implements and improved with barns, outbuildings and a substantial residence. He raised a high-grade of live stock and along every line success attended his efforts. He lived to the venerable age of eighty, dying June 17, 1913. His remains were buried in Jackson township cemetery. In his death the county lost one of its oldest and most honored pioneers and there are many who feel his loss keenly.

On October 12, 1858, Mr. Schnebly was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Dunlap, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, on December 18, 1838, and died in Jackson township, Lucas county, Iowa, October 7, 1868. Of this union three children were born: Mrs. Clara Cochran, born November 8, 1859, who makes her home with our subject; Mrs. Evaline Elizabeth Reid, born September 9, 1861, who resides at Wonder, Nevada; and Cynthia, born April 15, 1865, dying but a few months later—on August 20th of the same year. On March 1, 1870, Mr. Schnebly was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary A. Pim, a native of Morrow county, Ohio, where she was born February 21, 1848. In the acquirement of her education she attended the common schools in the neighborhood of her home, the course consisting of three months during the year. Her parents were Samuel W. and Mary Jane (Jumper) Pim, pioneers of Lucas county, who came here in 1854. Her father was born in Chester, Pennsylvania, May 11, 1822, and died in Jackson township, this county, February 16, 1882, her mother also being a native of Pennsylvania, born December 16, 1826, and still resides in Chariton. Mr. Schnebly and Mr. Pim were the first ones to establish a public-school system in Jackson township and high credit should be given them on that account. Mr. and Mrs. Pim were the parents of nine children: William Henry, a resident of Jackson township; Mrs. Schnebly, the wife of our subject; Mrs. Esther Jane Carpenter, of Herman, Nebraska; Salora Salina, who passed away at the age of eight years; Preston Penrose, residing in Oklahoma; Mrs. Rachel Rebecca Reed, of Canada; Candace Clementine, deceased; Mrs. Elma Ellen Walker, also deceased; and Mrs. Ola Amelia Morgan, who resides with her mother in Chariton, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Schnebly became the parents of three children, all of whom were born in Jackson township, Lucas county, as follows: Mrs. Rosana Jane Heston, born December 21, 1870, residing in Jackson township; Mrs. Berdella Spencer, born March 22, 1873, who died May 9, 1897; and Mrs. Mary Zoffka, born October 5, 1876, a resident of Sac county, Iowa. All of these children enjoyed the advantages of an excellent education and qualified to teach in the schools of Lucas county.

Broad and liberal-minded and thoroughly progressive, John Schnebly ever took a deep interest in all matters affecting the public welfare and efficiently served as justice of the peace, constable and township trustee, while his stalwart

championship of the cause of education found expression in his service as school director. Politically he was a democrat and readily understood the important issues that effect the government, interesting himself in public affairs not as an office seeker but as an American citizen of right-minded citizenship. Mrs. Schnebly, who is highly esteemed and respected wherever known and gifted with many sweet womanly qualities and of rare accomplishments, is a devout member of the Baptist church of Lucas, to the work of which she gives her earnest material and moral support. Mr. Schnebly was connected with the Masons, being a member of Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 414 A. F. & A. M., of Lucas, and exemplified in his everyday life the beneficent principles of the order. Every force that has gone out to make this one of the greatest sections of the United States along moral, intellectual or material lines, every effort to uphold its standards received the indorsement of John Schnebly, who in return for his public spirit received the unqualified admiration and esteem of many who were glad and proud to call him friend. Although a man of over eighty years of age, he was active until a short time before his death and brought to the work of the world that interest which is rare in one of so many years and often gave of his rich store of wisdom and experience for the benefit of others. The years proved the worth of his labors and his life reflected credit upon Lucas county for he was richly endowed with those qualities which make men esteemed and his wise use of time, talents and opportunities resulted in a success which befitted his labors and his qualities. Those who knew him keep in memory the record of his life and character and feel that it is an inspiration to nobler living.

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#### BYRON R. VAN DYKE.

Byron R. Van Dyke, a representative of a well known pioneer family of Iowa, is still living in Chariton after forty-four years of close connection with its business interests, twenty-six of which he spent as proprietor and manager of the Bates House. He was born in West Virginia, March 2, 1848, and is a son of William M. and Nancy (Hull) Van Dyke, the former born in Pennsylvania, May 28, 1825, and the latter in Knox county, that state, July 18, 1821. They were among the pioneers in Iowa, coming to this state for the first time in 1855 and settling first near Centerville, whence they removed north to Burlington. Upon the outbreak of the Civil war they returned to West Virginia and there remained until the close of the Rebellion. In 1868, after the death of the father, two of the children went to Russell in order to take care of their mother and look after her property. She passed away in Chariton, February 7, 1893. She and her husband became the parents of the following children: Byron, of this review; Mrs. Dora Sayles, of San Diego, California; John D., deceased; William, who resides in Kansas City; Charles M., who has also passed away; Mrs. Ellen Davis, of Kansas City; and George A., of Minneapolis.

Byron R. Van Dyke came west for the first time with his parents in 1855 and he returned with them to West Virginia at the outbreak of the Civil war. After the death of his father he settled in Russell and he has since remained a

resident of Iowa. In 1869 he came to Chariton and for three years was employed as a clerk for Mr. L. F. Maple, after which time he became a partner, but later he went into the bank of Manning and Penick. He remained there for about three years and then formed a partnership with Mr. Maple in the book and stationery business, which connection he maintained until 1881. At that time he became bookkeeper for Eikenberry & Company and remained with them until 1887. In that year he and his wife purchased the Bates House and they conducted this for twenty-six years thereafter, keeping it always modern and up-to-date in every particular and securing a large and representative patronage. In 1912, feeling that he had earned a period of leisure, Mr. Van Dyke purchased a modern home in Chariton and now lives there. He is in all essential respects a self-made man, for from his early childhood he has been dependent upon his own resources, earning his first money, sixty cents, by picking up chips for a contractor on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. This was when the road was built west from Burlington.

At Chariton, June 15, 1880, Mr. Van Dyke married Miss Ella Gardner, who was born at Mount Vernon, Ohio, November 10, 1851, a daughter of Nelson B. and Eliza (Murphy) Gardner, pioneers in Iowa. The father was born at Mount Vernon, Ohio, March 19, 1827, and the mother in the same city in April, 1830. Their marriage occurred in December, 1850, and they afterward came to Chariton, settling in this city in very early times. Their first home was located where the Lucas County National Bank building now stands and was one of the first residences in the city. Nelson B. Gardner was a veteran of the Civil war, having served through that conflict as captain of Company E, Thirty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He took part in various important engagements and was at Vicksburg when the city fell. After the close of hostilities he returned to Lucas county, where he secured a position as clerk of the courts, an office in which he did a great deal of farsighted and capable work for fourteen years thereafter. During that time he studied law and after being admitted to the bar practiced successfully, becoming one of the leading members of the legal profession in this part of Iowa. He died at Chariton, June 27, 1909, having survived his wife since October 1, 1890. In their family were the following children: Mrs. Van Dyke, wife of the subject of this review; Frank, who was born December 29, 1854, and who died May 4, 1905; Anna B., who was born September 23, 1857, and who died July 17, 1871; Mrs. Minnie B. Wiltsey, born July 21, 1865, residing in Hemingford, Nebraska; Mary Eva, whose birth occurred February 16, 1868, and who died August 4, 1869; Dell S., who was born January 19, 1872, and who is now a resident of Chicago; and Fred G., who was born October 9, 1874, and who also lives in Chicago. The two oldest children were born in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and the others in Chariton. All were reared in Lucas county, where they attended the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Dyke have become the parents of two children. Byron Ralph, Jr., was born September 9, 1887, and acquired an education in the public schools of Chariton, graduating from the high school in June, 1905. Immediately afterward he became interested in the Lucas County National Bank, of which he is now assistant cashier. On the 4th of October, 1911, he married Miss Marie Boyer, who was born in Chariton and who grew to womanhood in this city. They are the parents of a daughter, Ruth, who was born July 2, 1912.



Mr. and Mrs. Van Dyke's other son, William Carl, was born August 9, 1889, and died April 2, 1905.

Mr. Van Dyke is connected fraternally with Chariton Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M., and was eminent commander of the local commandery for a number of years. He belongs also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served for years as a member of the city council. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They occupy an attractive modern home in Chariton and own in addition the old Gardner residence. Mr. Van Dyke is one of the best known and most highly respected men of Chariton, where he has made his home for the past forty-four years and where his sterling character and personal and business integrity are recognized and respected.

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### JOHN B. BARTLETT.

Iowa numbers among her native sons many able, progressive and enterprising business men not the least prominent among whom is John B. Bartlett, proprietor of a feed yard and implement business in Seymour. He was born in Appanoose county in 1855 and is a son of James and Mary Jane (Starks) Bartlett, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Indiana. The Bartlett family was founded in Iowa by the grandfather of our subject, Isaac Bartlett, who came to the state from Tennessee in the early '40s and acquired a large tract of government land. On the maternal side Mr. Bartlett is a descendant of Caleb Starks, who came with his family from Indiana to Iowa in pioneer times. The parents of our subject were married in Appanoose county and in that section the father followed farming until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the Federal army, afterward meeting death upon southern battlefields. His wife later married Nate Bures, a farmer of Appanoose county, who spent a few years of his life in Kansas.

John B. Bartlett was one of a family of five children born to his parents. He acquired his education in the public schools of his native section and began his independent career in 1874, purchasing at that time his first forty acres of land in Appanoose county, Iowa. He was very successful in its development and cultivation and as his financial resources grew he added to his holdings until at the present time he owns four hundred and eighty acres of land. During the course of his agricultural career he bought and sold many acres of farming lands, his transactions along this line being always directed by good business judgment and a knowledge of land values. At one time he owned over five hundred acres but has since disposed of a portion of this property. In 1911 he abandoned agricultural pursuits in favor of a business career and moved into Seymour, where he opened a feed and implement business, in the conduct of which he has already achieved a gratifying measure of success.

In 1880 Mr. Bartlett married Miss Ellen Teeter, a native of Appanoose county and a daughter of C. N. Teeter, of that section. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett have become the parents of four children, Frank, a farmer residing in Wayne county; Allie, who married Lester Webb, also engaged in farming in Wayne

county; Ray, who is residing upon the old homestead; and James, whose home is in Montana. Mrs. Bartlett is a devout adherent of the Methodist church. Mr. Bartlett is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, and his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. He is well known in this part of the state, where he has spent many years of his life, and his straightforward and enterprising spirit has gained him widespread esteem and confidence and many friends.

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#### JAMES P. VORHIES.

Among the residents of Lucas, Iowa, there are none more widely and favorably known than Mr. and Mrs. James P. Vorhies, who have made their home in this city for nearly four decades. An aggressive man of modern tendencies, Mr. Vorhies occupies a substantial position in the community life and moreover has a distinguished war record to his credit, having participated in some of the important engagements during the conflict between north and south. He was born near Rome, Henry county, Iowa, May 22, 1842, and is a son of Isaac and Melinda (Knotts) Vorhies, who were among the earliest settlers of Iowa, coming to Henry county in 1836. The father was a native of Ohio, born May 30, 1806, and died in Henry county, Iowa, in 1865. The mother, Mrs. Melinda Vorhies, a native of West Virginia, was born on September 29, 1811, and also passed away in Henry county, in 1871. The paternal grandparents of our subject were John and Mary Vorhies, the former born October 6, 1766, and the latter March 18, 1769. To them were born the following children: Mary Ann, June 29, 1789; Aaron, born October 22, 1791; Deborah, born September 15, 1793; Ephraim, October 16, 1795; Susanna, February 16, 1798; John, January 29, 1800; Daniel, January 22, 1802; Mary, March 18, 1804; Isaac, the father of our subject; and William, born December 7, 1808. All of these children were born in Guernsey county, Ohio.

Isaac Vorhies, the father of our subject, resided in Henry county, Iowa, from 1836 until the time of his death, successfully following agricultural pursuits. To him and his wife were born fourteen children: Levi, born January 26, 1830, who passed away about 1907; Hugh, born July 26, 1831, who died about 1874; Susanna, born January 21, 1833, who married Dial Kwinshaw and died about 1908; Daniel, whose birth occurred on the 6th of June, 1834, and who is a resident of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; William, born March 10, 1836; Maria Jane, born November 12, 1837, who died when an infant; Edward Matthew Montgomery, born April 7, 1839, who died in infancy; Lemuel Edgar, born January 30, 1841, a resident of Lincoln, Nebraska; James P., of this review; Marshall A., born March 11, 1844, who died in 1877; Mary Jane, born February 18, 1846, who married Sam Searf and died in 1875; John Emery, born December 26, 1848, who died as a child; General George Washington, born November 17, 1850, who died about 1898; and Virginia Wren, born February 8, 1853, who married a Mr. Underhill residing at Audubon, Iowa. The four eldest children of this family were born in Ohio and the remainder in Henry county, Iowa.

James P. Vorhies was reared upon his father's farm, attending the schools of the neighborhood and early becoming acquainted with agricultural pursuits. He grew to manhood in Henry county, enlisting from there for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company I, Fourteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, of the Union army. His regiment belonged to Colonel Shaw's brigade and he served with his command until the close of hostilities August 8, 1865. He enlisted on September 3, 1861, and for most of the time was under the command of Generals Grant and Sherman. He distinguished himself for his faithfulness to duty and courageous conduct and participated in the battles around Forts Henry and Donelson, also participating in both sanguine conflicts at Corinth, in the famous battle of Hornet's Nest and that of Shiloh. He was with Banks on the Red River expedition and at Memphis and near the close of the war was under the command of General A. J. Smith. After enlisting he was sent to Missouri and from there to Davenport, to Camp Butler, whence the new recruits were sent to the battle line. Mr. Vorhies also has the distinction of having been one of the guards of honor that guarded Abraham Lincoln's body on the way from the state house at Springfield, Illinois, to the Oak Ridge cemetery of that city. The orderly sergeant being away Mr. Vorhies was detailed to act as sergeant. At the close of the war he returned to Henry county, where he successfully followed mercantile pursuits until May 20, 1874, when he removed to Lucas, Iowa, of which city he has since been a resident. For some time he also pursued the trade of carpenter in Lucas but now lives practically retired, enjoying a well earned rest after an active and useful life. Discharging his civil duties as well as his military obligations, he has always been a patriotic American, having a life record to his credit which entitles him to the highest commendation.

At Salina, Jefferson county, Iowa, Mr. Vorhies was married on March 29, 1866, to Miss Clarissa B. George, a native of Ohio, who was born February 14, 1846. Her parents came to Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1849, and were among the earliest settlers of that part of the state. They came overland from Butler county, Ohio, and it took them three weeks to reach their destination. Her parents were James and Jane (Kidwell) George, the former a native of Ohio, born July 2, 1803, and the latter of Kentucky, born September 30th of the same year. Both died in Jefferson county, Iowa, the father in 1861 and the mother in 1879. The mother's father, Mrs. Vorhies' maternal grandfather, Jonathan Kidwell, was the famous editor of the *Star of the West* of Cincinnati and also of the *Sentinel* of that city. The family is still in possession of a book which he wrote in 1829 and published in 1830, and he also wrote the *Disquisition on the Pentateuch*, which was printed in 1848. This grandfather was also widely known as a minister and preached to churches at Cincinnati, Ohio, and Louisville, Kentucky. He was one of the famous trio of Universalist ministers at that time, they being Kidwell, Gifford and Waldew. Mr. and Mrs. James George were the parents of the following children: Mary A., born December 3, 1824, who died in 1898; Elizabeth, born May 12, 1826, who passed away in 1884; Hezekiah A., born March 7, 1831, who died in 1863; Matthew L., born March 7, 1833, who died in 1850; Rebecca J., born December 24, 1834, who died in 1854; William H., born in 1836; Jonathan K., born Sep-

tember 1, 1838; Sarah E., born July 12, 1840; Maria L., who died in 1854; Nancy E., born March 2, 1842; and Mrs. Clarissa B. Vorhies, the wife of our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Vorhies became the parents of six children, of whom one, Norma Everitt, passed away at the age of seven months. The others are: James L., born in Jefferson county, Iowa, January 5, 1870, and now a resident of Lucas; Mrs. Ada Pontcher, born August 17, 1871, residing in Chariton, Iowa; Clarence W., born April 23, 1874, of Madrid, Iowa; Ernest G., born May 24, 1877, of the same city; and Carl R., born July 6, 1882, also of Madrid. The three eldest children were born in Jefferson county and the remainder in Lucas county. Mr. and Mrs. Vorhies are the grandparents of seven grandchildren: Lourene and Irene, twins, born March 2, 1896; Marvel J., born June 30, 1897; Jay, born in February, 1899; and Helen C., born in April, 1900, are all the children of George and Ada Pontcher. Laurel Lester, born February 23, 1910, is the son of Ernest G. Vorhies, and James Raymond, born February 25, 1910, is the son of Carl R. Vorhies.

Public-spirited and progressive, Mr. Vorhies has actively participated in the public life of his community, serving as township trustee and member of the city council of Lucas. He also was postmaster for one term, discharging his duties efficiently and to the great satisfaction of his patrons. He keeps in contact with his comrades in the war as a member of the Grand Army post at Chariton. The family home is one of the comfortable residences of the city and there Mr. and Mrs. Vorhies extend a warm-hearted hospitality to their many friends. Mrs. Vorhies is still in possession of valuable family relics which she highly prizes, among them a plate from a set given her mother at her wedding which is now over ninety years old. She also possesses a set of silver teaspoons, with her mother's initials engraved upon them, which were given to the latter by her father at the time of her wedding. Both Mr. and Mrs. Vorhies enjoy the high regard of all who know them and take a helpful part in all movements undertaken for the betterment of the community along moral and material lines.

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#### ISAAC SHRIVER

Isaac Shriver, who passed away in Allerton on the 20th of September, 1901, was for many years identified with the agricultural interests of Wayne county, where his people located during the pioneer days, but the latter period of his life was passed in this city, his energies being devoted to the development of a furniture business in which he had engaged more than a decade before his death. His birth occurred in Monroe county, Ohio, on the 6th of February, 1844, and he was the thirteenth in order of birth of the seventeen children born to Elias and Rachel (Stuart) Shriver. The parents were natives of West Virginia, whence they removed to Ohio, coming from there to Iowa in 1855. The father subsequently acquired some land in this county and here he and the mother passed the remainder of their days.

The first eleven years in the life of Isaac Shriver were passed in the state of his nativity. His education was completed in the public schools of Iowa,



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and while engaged in the mastery of the common branches of English learning he assisted his father with the operation of the home farm. He remained under the parental roof until he was nineteen years of age, when he started out for himself. The succeeding seven years were passed in the state of Colorado, where he herded cattle and also worked in the mines. Returning to Wayne county at the expiration of that time, he erected a residence and such other buildings as were required on his portion of the old homestead and there pursued the career of an agriculturist for twenty years. Deciding that commercial activities would be more to his liking he next removed to Allerton and engaged in the furniture business until his death.

On the 7th of December, 1865, Mr. Shriver was married to Miss Cynthia Marick, who was born on the 9th of May, 1844, in Monroe county, Ohio, her parents being Henry and Elizabeth (Brown) Marick. They were natives of New Jersey and Pennsylvania respectively, but for many years resided in Ohio, coming from there to Iowa in 1855. They located in Wayne county, where Mr. Marick purchased some land in the cultivation of which he engaged during the remainder of his active life. Here both he and the mother passed away and were laid to rest in the Highy cemetery. Their family numbered six, Mrs. Shriver being the fourth in order of birth. To Mr. and Mrs. Shriver there were born ten children: Hersa Belle; Isaac, better known as Bert, who died at the age of four years; Thomas Benton; Della; Dora; Vivian and Lucy, who died in infancy; Lura, usually called Edna; Jessie and Frederiek.

Mr. Shriver was a member of the Christian church, with which his widow is also affiliated, and for several years held the office of deacon. Politically he supported the democratic party and served two terms on the school board of Allerton, while for one term he discharged the duties of councilman. Mr. Shriver was a man of many estimable qualities and was widely and favorably known in this locality, where he was regarded as a worthy representative of a respected pioneer family.

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### HARRY D. HINES.

Harry D. Hines occupies as manager of the Old Colony Creamery one of the foremost positions in the commercial life of Humeston. He is a native son of Iowa, being born at Chariton, October 28, 1870, his parents being J. H. and Caroline (Blair) Hines. The father was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, about 1823, and passed away at Chariton, June 4, 1879. He was one of the earliest settlers of Lucas county and a master bridge builder by trade, also following the occupation of railroad contracting. He built many of the bridges between Chariton and Leon on the Chariton and St. Joe division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. The mother, Caroline (Blair) Hines, was a native of Pennsylvania, born April 20, 1848, and now makes her home with her daughter at Flushing, Long Island. Mr. and Mrs. Hines were the parents of four children, three of whom are living and of whom the subject of this sketch is the oldest. The others living are: Allen A., born April 9, 1872, residing in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Mrs. Edna Freeman, born July 31, 1876, residing

at Flushing, Long Island. Carrie, the first born, died in infancy. All the children were born at Chariton, Iowa.

Harry D. Hines spent his boyhood in Chariton and there attended public school in the acquirement of his education until nine years of age. At the death of the father in 1879 the family removed to Kansas, where they remained for two years, after which they returned to Chariton, remaining a few months there and thence removing to Humeston, where our subject has since resided. Harry D. Hines continued his education while in Kansas and subsequently attended the Humeston public schools, supplementing his education by a course in the Central Normal University at Humeston, from which he graduated with the class of 1893 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. His excellent education fitted him well for the profession of teaching and he followed this line of occupation for three years before he entered the employ of James L. Humphrey as bookkeeper, continuing in that capacity until 1906. His executive ability was soon recognized by his employer and in that year he was appointed to the position of superintendent of the creamery department, remaining in that connection until the fall of 1909, when he was made general manager of the whole plant on the demise of Mr. Taber, his predecessor in the position. This creamery was established in December, 1880, by Dr. George McCulloch, James Taylor, J. T. Riggle, J. R. Cassady and J. D. Hasbrouck, these gentlemen being the owners of the enterprise. It was first operated under the old gathered-cream system. During the early '80s it passed into the hands of J. F. Stoop and Millard Chase and these gentlemen in turn disposed of it to Haldeman & Son. This firm operated the business until January 1, 1896, at which time it was purchased by James L. Humphrey, Jr., of New Bedford, Massachusetts. In October of the same year Mr. Humphrey added to his interests by purchasing the wholesale poultry, butter and egg business of Chase & Stoop and consolidated the two enterprises. The old creamery was located at first in the east part of Humeston and was known under the name of the Wayne County Creamery, but when the same came into the possession of Mr. Humphrey it was named the Old Colony Creamery, under which name its goods are known at present from ocean to ocean. The business has marvelously increased and necessitated in 1897-8 the erection of a fine new brick plant in the central part of Humeston, adjacent to the railroad, where annually thousands of pounds of cream and poultry are taken care of. From a small and humble beginning this institution has grown to one of the largest in Iowa, having an annual output of about a million dollars, and it is in a large measure due to the executive ability, to the energy and industry of Mr. Hines that the business has increased to these proportions and that it is handled today in such an exemplary manner that it is a model for other institutions of the same kind.

Mr. Hines was married March 25, 1897, to Miss Lennie Holmes, a native of Wayne county, Iowa, where she was born January 15, 1879. In this county she grew to womanhood and has made it her home since. Her parents were Gilbert and Elizabeth (Garton) Holmes, both of whom have passed away, and in their family were six children, of whom four are living: Mrs. Hines; Gilbert, who resides at Rifle, Colorado; Mrs. Mabel Wright, living at Corydon; and Ross, who makes his home at the same place. Two sons died in infancy. The youngest of the children was born in Kansas but the others are all natives of

this county. Mr. and Mrs. Hines have one daughter, Helen Bernice, who was born at Humeston, Iowa, January 3, 1898, and is now attending high school in the acquirement of an education.

Mr. Hines is a democrat in his political views and although he has never aspired to public office takes a laudable interest in the affairs of his party and the issues of the day and gives to all public questions that attention which a right-minded citizen considers his duty. His fraternal affiliations are with Fidelity Lodge, No. 228, A. F. & A. M. A man of strong character and business ability, he has become recognized as a forceful element in the commercial circles of the community and he enjoys the high regard and confidence of all those with whom he comes in contact. He has attained to a high place by honorable methods only and his activities, while of direct result to the large interests which he represents, are constructive in the development of a wide section surrounding Humeston. The keynote of his success may be said to be that he does well everything he finds to do and his career is proof of the fact that success is ambition's answer.

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#### JOHN W. GARRATT.

The name of John W. Garratt has long been associated with progressive and successful agriculture in Wayne county, where he has passed his entire life. He was born in Benton township in a little house still standing on the farm he now owns on the 20th of April, 1862, and is the only son of the late James Garratt. His father was born in Chestershire, England, on April 1, 1817, and there he was likewise reared and educated. His energies were early directed along agricultural lines, which pursuits he continued to follow in the old country until 1842, when he emigrated to America. After a year's residence in the United States he went back to England, but in 1844 he returned to this country and settled in the vicinity of Alton, Illinois. From there he went to Jacksonville, that state, where he bought some land which he diligently improved and cultivated for several years thereafter. In 1854, Mr. Garratt entered some government land in Wayne county, Iowa, a portion of this tract still being in the possession of his son, and in April of the year following removed herè with his wife and family. He immediately settled on his homestead and there resided until his death, which occurred in 1899. After removing here he entered land for a number of his friends in Illinois and also bought and sold real estate. He increased his own holdings and at one time owned three hundred acres, but he later disposed of a portion of his tract and at the time of his death his farm comprised only two hundred and forty acres. For his wife Mr. Garratt chose Miss Deliah Lowe, who was born in Cass county, Illinois, then known as Morgan county, on the 18th of August, 1821. She was reared and married in her native state whence she removed to Iowa with her husband, whom she survived for many years, her death occurring on the 8th of March, 1912. Of this marriage there were born four children, the eldest of whom is a daughter Mary, now Mrs. C. V. Allen of this state, while the last born was our subject, John W. The other two members of the family died in infancy.

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The entire life of John W. Garratt has been passed amid the scenes with which he is now daily familiar. His early years were very similar to those of other lads with whom he was reared. At the usual age he entered the district schools of Benton township, where he acquired his education, and while engaged in the mastery of the fundamental principles of English learning he was also becoming familiar with the duties of the agriculturist. As the years passed he assumed more and more of the responsibilities about the farm of which he had the entire management for about fifteen years prior to the death of his father. Mr. Garratt is enterprising and progressive in whatever he undertakes, directing his business in a well organized, systematic manner. His fields, which he plants to such crops as he deems best adapted to the soil, are annually yielding abundant harvests, and in connection with his diversified farming he is raising stock and is an extensive feeder. As the years have passed he has increased his acreage until his holdings now aggregate five hundred acres, all of which he has brought to a high state of productivity. His buildings and fences have been substantially constructed and kept in good condition, while at various times he has introduced about the premises different devices for reducing the labor and expediting the work, making his one of the valuable properties of the community. By the exercise of good judgment and sagacity he has prospered in his undertakings and is not only an extensive property holder but is one of the stockholders and a director of the Farmers' National Bank of Allerton.

On the 19th of October, 1899, Mr. Garratt was married to Sarah Hall, a daughter of James and Martha (Kimple) Hall, natives of Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Iowa in 1857, being among the pioneer farming people of this section of the state. To Mr. and Mrs. Garratt there have been born two children, as follows: Zell K., whose birth occurred on the 7th of November, 1900; and Boise J., who was born in January, 1904.

His political support Mr. Garratt extends to the democratic party, and although he has never sought an official position he is one of the public-spirited men of his township, taking an active and helpful interest in everything he feels will tend to promote the welfare of the community either intellectually, morally or materially.

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#### HOLT BROTHERS.

Among the younger commercial enterprises of Lucas is the firm of Holt Brothers, who established themselves in the livery business in this city in 1913. The firm consists of Henry and John Holt, both of whom now give most of their attention to their new departure, although they are still extensively interested in agriculture and also own valuable Clydesdale breeding horses. Their success has been but the outcome of intelligently directed efforts and is the result of well applied industry and energy.

Henry Holt was born in Clarke county, Iowa, May 1, 1876, and John in Otter Creek township, Lucas county, Iowa, January 1, 1878. Their paternal grandparents, who came as pioneers to Iowa, were John and Ava (Kilgore) Holt, natives of Indiana, who were born in 1824 and 1827, respectively. They



both died in the same year, the grandfather on January 2, 1864, and the grandmother in November of that year. Among their children was Lifus, the father of John and Henry Holt. He was born in Martin county, Indiana, December 29, 1846, and by his marriage to Mary A. Holt in 1873 became the father of five children; Mrs. Rowena Manley, Henry, John, Seymour and Mrs. Georgia A. Evans. A more extended mention of Mr. and Mrs. Lifus Holt is made in another part of this work.

Henry and John Holt grew up under the parental roof and were educated to agricultural pursuits. Both brothers followed farming successfully until the beginning of 1913, when they formed a partnership in order to engage in the livery business in Lucas, where they own one of the best equipped barns in this part of the county. Within a short time they have achieved an enviable success which must be attributed to their business ability and their genial and pleasing way in dealing with their patrons.

On February 6, 1902, Henry Holt was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Lulu Pennington, a native of Otter Creek township, where she was born August 16, 1879. There she attended the common schools and grew to womanhood. Her father, A. L. Pennington, was born in Monroe county, Indiana, January 10, 1851, and when but a year old was brought by his parents to Otter Creek township, where he is at present residing. His family were among the earliest settlers in this township. The mother of Mrs. Henry Holt was Elizabeth A. (Deckard) Holt, also a native of Monroe county, Indiana, where she was born June 14, 1854. She came to Iowa in 1872, when about eighteen years of age. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pennington were the parents of three daughters: Mrs. Ida May Davidson, born May 2, 1877, who now resides in Chariton, Iowa; Mrs. Minnie Lulu Holt, of this review; and Mrs. Ada Belle Ashby, born August 26, 1886, residing with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt have become the parents of five children: Pearl, born January 12, 1903; Benlah, September 22, 1905; Merrill, September 17, 1907; Mildred, June 13, 1909; and Wilma, whose birth occurred on the 12th of October, 1910. The second of these children was born in Jackson township but the remainder are natives of Liberty township. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt own forty acres of choice land in Liberty township with good improvements.

John Holt on March 15, 1898, married Miss Lillie Messman, who was born in Clarke county, Iowa, January 1, 1877, both she and her husband having been born on New Year's day. In Clarke county she attended the common schools and grew to womanhood under the roof of her father and mother, Jacob and Harriet (Hart) Messman. The father was born on the ocean while his parents were crossing to America and the mother was a native of Henry county, Iowa. Both passed away in Clarke county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Messman were the parents of three daughters: Mrs. Ida Penick, a resident of Clarke county; Mrs. May Lynn, who makes her home in Adair county, this state; and Mrs. Lillie Holt, the wife of John Holt. The two older daughters were born in Henry county. Mr. and Mrs. John Holt have become the parents of six children: Olive, born August 28, 1899; Adrian M., born March 24, 1902; Ida Mae, born December 31, 1904; Ethel F., born November 13, 1906; Irene G., born March 18, 1908; and Boyd R., whose natal day was January 3, 1910. Those of the children who are old enough are attending the public schools of Lucas.

Both Henry and John Holt give their political adherence to the democratic party and both are members of the Woodmen of the World of Chariton. John Holt is also affiliated with the Brotherhood of American Yeomen of Lucas. Besides their agricultural interests and their livery business they own registered imported Clydesdale horses, among them stallion Baron Hill, No. 15,185; the French draft stallion, Hero, No. 17,657; and the grade Percheron stallion, Jim, No. 591, of the Iowa Department of Agriculture. These horses are kept at their barn in Lucas. Aggressive and progressive business men, the Holt brothers take a deep interest in the advancement of the city in which they make their home and have always been found in the ranks of those who have at heart the development of the section. They are successful and enterprising business men and, although their establishment has been in operation for only a few months, have already demonstrated that success is certain to crown their efforts.

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#### MARTIN E. HITT.

Martin E. Hitt is now a resident of Clarke county, Iowa, where he owns four hundred acres of valuable land. He was, however, for many years prominently connected with agricultural interests of Union township, Lucas county, and his work is accounted among the factors in the farming development of this section of the state. He was born in Madison county, Indiana, June 6, 1838, and is a son of Alexander and Luca (Curtis) Hitt, natives of Virginia. The father went overland to Indiana in 1832 and remained there until 1854, when he settled in Iowa. He died in Clarke county, this state, in 1882 when he was seventy-four years of age. His wife has also passed away, her death having occurred when she was seventy-eight. The parents were among the earliest pioneers of Iowa and their name is still honored and respected by all who knew them. In their family were three children: Mrs. Sarah McPetridge, who died at LeRoy, Iowa; Martin E., of this review; and Samuel A., who died in Wayne county, this state.

Martin E. Hitt spent his childhood and early youth in Madison county, Indiana, and acquired his education in the public schools of that state. He accompanied the family to Iowa in 1854 and in the following year removed to Harrison county, Missouri. He there made his home until 1862 and then moved to Franklin township, Clarke county, Iowa. He subsequently became connected with agricultural interests in Lucas county, turning his attention to the development of his holdings and becoming recognized as a substantial and progressive farmer. He later removed again to Clarke county, Iowa, and has since remained a resident of that locality.

In Union township, on the 18th of March, 1869, Mr. Hitt was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Holmes, who was born November 26, 1849. She is a representative of an honored pioneer family, her parents having been the first settlers in Union township. She was the first white child in the township, where she is well known and widely esteemed. Her father, Hiram M. Holmes, was born in Kentucky and died at Great Bend, Kansas, at the age of seventy. Her mother, Sarah (Ruth) Holmes, was a native of Indiana

and passed away in Barton county, Kansas, when she was seventy years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram M. Hohnes became the parents of eight children: Jacob, who has passed away; Mrs. Fudge, also deceased; Mrs. Susanna Lowe, of Union township; two who died in infancy; Nathaniel and Mrs. Adeline Moore, who have passed away; and Mrs. Hitt, wife of the subject of this review. Mr. and Mrs. Hitt became the parents of seven children: Rosanne, who died in infancy; J. W., who makes his home in Clarke county, Iowa; Clara B., who passed away when she was still a child; Frank K., who is residing with his father on the home farm; Alva E., who died in 1900; and Elsie and Elza, twins, who died in infancy. All of the above children were born in Franklin township, Clarke county.

Mr. Hitt gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is a devout member of the Christian church. He is well known in agricultural circles of the section where he resides, owning four hundred acres of choice land in Franklin township, Clarke county. This property is provided with two good sets of improvements and is one of the best managed and most attractive farms in that locality. Mr. Hitt's name is honored and respected also in Lucas county, where his many excellent qualities of character are known and recognized, and although he no longer makes his home in Union township he is nevertheless counted among the men whose work has been a force in its upbuilding.

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#### JOSIAH C. COPELAND.

Josiah C. Copeland, president of the Chariton National Bank and long an active factor in professional circles in the city, was born at Kenton, Ohio, September 19, 1855, a son of Howard and Catherine (Darlington) Copeland. The father was also a banker in Ohio and died in that state in 1884. His widow survived him for about nine years, passing away in 1893.

The early educational opportunities afforded Josiah C. Copeland were those offered by the public schools but later he had the advantage of study in Delaware University at Delaware, Ohio. After leaving school he clerked for his father and subsequently studied law for a time in his native state. In 1879 he arrived in Chariton, where he continued his law reading and was admitted to the bar in 1881. He at once entered upon active practice, which he followed for twenty years, and made for himself a creditable position at the county bar. He was the first county attorney for Lucas county, filling that position for four years, and throughout the period of his active practice he was ever faithful to the highest professional ethics and most carefully safeguarded the interests of his clients, his devotion thereto being proverbial. In 1904 he turned his attention to the banking business, entering the Chariton National Bank in the capacity of cashier. He filled that position for six years and in 1910 was elected to the presidency, which office he now holds.

On the 26th of November, 1896, Mr. Copeland was united in marriage to Mrs. Anna (Gibbon) McCollough, who was born in Ohio but was reared in Chariton. She is a daughter of Dr. William H. and Laura R. Gibbon. Her father, Dr. Gibbon, was a man of much prominence and served as a surgeon in

the United States army. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Copeland have been born a son and two daughters: Lawrence Gibbon, born January 9, 1898; Anna Laura, born July 25, 1900; and Catherine G., born September 23, 1902.

Mr. Copeland holds membership in the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained high rank. He has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and he also has membership in the Knights of Pythias and the Sons of the American Revolution. In politics he is a stalwart republican, unfaltering in his allegiance to the party which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. The family attend the Episcopal church and are well known socially in Chariton. Mr. Copeland is a genial, courteous gentleman, kindly and just in spirit but in business prompt and energetic. By individual merit he has attained the present enviable position which he occupies in the financial circles of Lucas county.

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#### PARKISON WILLIAMS.

On the 15th of June, 1912, there was called to his final rest one of the oldest and most esteemed pioneers of Lucas county in Parkison Williams, who had been brought to Warren township by his parents when a child of but four years, in 1845, and who had made that township his home and the field of his activities to the time of his death, which occurred when he had reached the age of seventy years. Parkison Williams was born in Decatur county, Indiana, on the 3d of November, 1841. His parents were Samuel and Susan (Swinney) Williams, natives of Virginia. The father was one of the heroes of the Civil war, meeting his death at the battle of Pea Ridge in 1864, his wife surviving until 1881, when she passed away in Wayne county, Iowa. They came overland to Iowa in 1845, bringing with them their four-year-old son Parkison, and settled in Warren township, Lucas county, so that they must be counted among the very first pioneers in this section. At that time there was no indication of the wonderful agricultural development that should later ensue and settlements were yet very sparse, the land being mostly raw, unbroken prairie. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Williams were the parents of the following children: Parkison; Mrs. Margaret Wells; John, also a Civil war veteran, who died in the hospital at Rolla, Missouri, while in the Union army; Ned; Mrs. Marjorie Tuttle; Mrs. Martha Fent; Mrs. Mary L. Wilson; and Mrs. Jennie Tuttle. The seven younger children were born near Freedom, where all of them were reared.

Parkison Williams, being brought to Warren township in 1845, there received his education and early became acquainted with agricultural methods under pioneer conditions. Gradually he made himself independent and successfully followed farming and stock-raising through all his life, his efforts being attended with considerable success. His death took place near where the first settlement of the family was made, on June 15, 1912, and was the cause of deep mourning and regret not only to his family but to the many friends which he had made during a long, honorable and useful career.

Parkison Williams was married in 1860 to Sarah J. Essex, who was born in Eagle Village, Indiana, July 8, 1844. She came overland to Iowa



MR. AND MRS. PARKISON WILLIAMS





with her parents in 1855, when eleven years old, and has made her home in Lucas county since. Her parents, Edward and Salena G. (Guge) Essex, natives of Indiana, both passed away in Lucas county, the father dying in Lincoln township. In their family were six children, of whom Mrs. Williams and Mrs. T. J. Hawkins are the only ones now living. The others were James M., Mary E., Anna E., and one who died in childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Parkison Williams became the parents of eleven children: Mrs. Etta Tuttle, residing in Wayne county; Mrs. Elizabeth Ryan, also a resident of that county; Samuel L., who is mentioned under that caption; Mrs. Anna Wilson, of Centerville, Iowa; Mrs. William Connor, of Chariton, Iowa; Dr. C. E. Williams, of Russell, Iowa; Mrs. Nora Melmes, residing in Chariton; Mrs. Hattie Layton, of Wayne county; Salene, a native of Wayne county, who makes her home with her mother in Chariton; Elbert, of Lucas county; and Arthur, of Chariton. All of the children were reared and educated in Lucas county, and Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Connor and Miss Salene, after completing the public-school course, took up academic work. The family home in Chariton is commodious and well furnished. Miss Salene Williams has for a number of years most successfully taught school in Lucas county and for the coming year has been selected to take charge of the sixth grade of the Columbus school of Chariton. She takes a deep interest in her work and is recognized as one of the most efficient teachers in the city. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Connor also taught school for a number of years.

His political views inclined Parkison Williams toward the republican party and he was actively and helpfully interested in all matters of public importance. For a number of years he served as justice of the peace and discharged the duties of that office with great impartiality and to the satisfaction of the general public. He was a member of and deacon in the Baptist church, both he and his wife having joined that denomination near Freedom, where they were charter members of the Sharon church. The family formerly also owned one hundred and twenty acres of land in Lucas county, which, however, has been disposed of. The death of Mr. Williams was a severe loss not only to his immediate family but to his locality, for he had always actively participated in all matters pertaining to the general welfare and did much toward advancement and progress in this section, especially along agricultural lines. His name is held in high repute by his friends and neighbors, who found in him a man of high qualities of mind and character.

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### JOHN HENRY LOWE.

John Henry Lowe, one of the highly honored and respected citizens of Lucas county, has made his home in Union township for the past fifty-six years and has witnessed the wonderful transformation that has here occurred as pioneer conditions have given way before the onward march of civilization. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his attention throughout his entire business career, and he is the owner of a valuable farm of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 31 and 32. His birth occurred in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, on the 30th of December, 1835, his parents being Jonathan and Mary (Downard)

Lowe, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state, the latter born in Fayette county. Our subject's grandfather, Isaac Lowe, was a soldier in the War of 1812 and acquitted himself with credit. Jonathan Lowe passed away in Madison county, Iowa, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, while his wife died in that county when sixty-six years old. Their children were eleven in number, as follows: John H., of this review; William, who resides on the old home farm in Madison county, this state; Martha, who lives with her brother on the old homestead in Madison county; Mrs. Elziria Williams, whose demise occurred in 1912; Oliver Perry, living in Osceola, Iowa; Mrs. Victoria Hyatt, who makes her home in El Paso county, Colorado; and five who died in early life. All were born in Pennsylvania.

John Henry Lowe enjoyed but limited educational advantages in his youth but has continually augmented his knowledge by reading, experience and observation and is a well informed man. When a youth of eighteen he made his way to Iowa, journeying by boat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi river to Keokuk and then traveling overland to Van Buren county, which he reached on the 9th of May, 1854. Thence he removed to Madison county but after a short time went south, spending the winter season in that section of the country. The following spring, in 1857, he came to Union township, Lucas county, Iowa, and has here resided continuously since. Many evidences of pioneer life were still to be found, wild game and wild animals abounding, while numerous wandering tribes of Indians sojourned in the district. There were only six houses between Chariton and the abode of Mr. Lowe, who experienced all the hardships and privations of life in a frontier region. He first bought eighty acres of university land and subsequently extended the boundaries of his farm by an additional purchase of forty acres, his holdings now embracing one hundred and twenty acres of choice prairie land in the most productive section of Lucas county. All the improvements thereon stand as monuments to his thrift, enterprise and industry, and the neat appearance of the place bespeaks the care and progressive spirit of its owner. In former years Mr. Lowe specialized in the raising of full-blooded Hereford cattle and at present has a good grade of live stock. There was a time when he sold eggs at Chariton for three cents a dozen, while hogs brought only a dollar and a quarter per hundredweight at Smyrna. Deciding to purchase a scoop shovel, Mr. Lowe and a neighbor husked a load of corn and took it to Chariton, selling the same to a dealer for ten cents per bushel and thus obtaining sufficient cash to pay for the shovel, which cost two dollars and seventy-five cents. As the years have passed and the district has become more thickly settled, conditions have improved for the agriculturist in many ways. Mr. Lowe has won a gratifying measure of success in his operations as a farmer and stock-raiser and has long been numbered among the prosperous and representative citizens of this county.

On the 25th of October, 1859, Mr. Lowe was united in marriage to Miss Martha R. Brown, who was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, on the 4th of April, 1840, her parents being Richard and Sarah Brown, likewise natives of the Keystone state. It was in the year 1840 that they came to Iowa, settling near Eddyville. Becoming discouraged with the poor prospects, however, they began the overland journey back to Pennsylvania but met a party from the east

who contemplated settling in Iowa and who persuaded them to remain here at least another year. They purchased a tract of land in Lee county and thereon spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Brown died in 1854, during a scourge of the cholera. Their family numbered the following children, namely: Josiah, Charles, Rufus, LeRoy, Mrs. Frances Sprott, Mrs. Martha Lowe and Orpha, all of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and all of whom are deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lowe were born seven children, as follows: Alpheus, who is deceased; Lonisa, who died at the age of two years; Jonathan L., who is a resident of Union township; William, also of that township; Francis O., who lives with his father; Dell E., likewise on the home farm; and Charles E., who is deceased. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 1st of April, 1896, passing away in Union township, where her demise was deeply and sincerely mourned.

In politics Mr. Lowe is a democrat and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to positions of public trust. He has ably served in the capacity of township trustee, was a member of the school board for fifteen years and has acted as road supervisor for sixteen years, ever discharging his official duties in a most prompt and capable manner. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Lodge No. 329 at Derby. He is now in the seventy-eighth year of his age and enjoys the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on life's journey and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

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#### JOSEPH F. WILSON.

Among the esteemed pioneers of Wayne county, whose names are enrolled among those of the nation's honored sons who donned the blue and went to the front in defense of their country's flag, appears that of Joseph F. Wilson. Self-educated and self-made, the ambitious and thoughtful will find many examples worthy of emulation in the life of this estimable man, who as president of the State Bank and the owner of large landed interests is now numbered among the substantial business men and respected citizens of Allerton.

The life record of Joseph F. Wilson was begun on a farm in Putnam county, Indiana, on the 16th of September, 1844, his parents being John and Susan (Bettis) Wilson. The father was a native of King George county, Virginia, and of English extraction, while the mother, whose birth occurred in Mason county, Kentucky, was of Irish and English lineage. They were married in the last named state and began their domestic life on a Kentucky farm, but soon thereafter they migrated to Indiana, locating in Putnam county. There the father continued his agricultural pursuits until 1854, when with his family he again started westward, Wayne county, Iowa, being his destination upon this occasion. Upon his arrival here he purchased a tract of prairie land and diligently applied himself to its cultivation. Later he sold it and bought another farm, which he operated for a time and likewise sold. The year 1884 was marked by the death of both parents, the father passing away at the age of seventy-two years, while the mother was sixty-eight at the time of her demise. They are buried in the Clinton township cemetery, this county. Their family numbered ten, our subject being the fifth in order of birth.

The son of a pioneer farmer of limited means Joseph F. Wilson shared with his family all of the hardships and privations incident to frontier life. He was ambitious and enterprising from boyhood and early in life began to provide for his own wants, having earned every dollar he ever received. Realizing the necessity of having an education if he desired to advance in the world, when a lad of ten years he gathered walnuts and carried them to Corydon in order to procure the money to buy a second reader. In common with the majority of farmer boys he early began to assist about the work of the fields and care of the stock, his duties in this connection preventing his attending school save at irregular intervals during the winter session. He remained at home with his parents until the 17th of February, 1862, when he enlisted in Company K, Eighteenth Missouri Volunteer Infantry and went to the front. He was wounded by a rifle ball at the battle of Shiloh on the 6th of April, that year, and was compelled to suffer the amputation of his left arm. Many long weeks were spent in a southern hospital and on the 18th of August, 1862, he received his discharge and returned home. He remained on his father's farm, rendering such assistance as he was able, until he was twenty-five. Appreciating the necessity of a better education he devoted much of his time to study and for one year attended school.

Upon leaving the parental roof our subject engaged in buying and selling stock, thus acquiring the money to enable him to buy a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, which he cultivated for eleven years. Agricultural pursuits and stock buying engaged his undivided attention until 1882, since which time he has followed various activities. He has chiefly engaged in the loan, real-estate and banking business, however, in all of which he has met with a good measure of success. He owns his residence and a store building in Allerton, in addition to eighty acres of land in Jackson township and his farm of two hundred and forty acres in Howard township. He is also a stockholder of the Allerton State Bank, one of the thriving financial institutions of the county. A man of keen discernment and foresight, Mr. Wilson's judgment is seldom at fault in matters of business, as has been plainly manifested by the orderly progress of his career.

In the year 1870, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Victoria Kniffin, a daughter of Daniel and Clarissa (Ruseo) Kniffin, natives of the state of New York but of English lineage. They removed to Iowa with their family about 1858, locating in Wayne county, which was their place of residence for many years. Subsequently they went to Ohio, and there passed the remainder of their years. Mrs. Wilson, who is the youngest in a family of six, was born on the 23d of July, 1853, and as she was only a child of about five years when she came to Iowa with her parents has passed the greater part of her life in this immediate vicinity. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson there were born three daughters, the youngest of whom, Lillian F., died in childhood. Their first born, Alma T., married Robert Woodcock, by whom she has had one son, Robert Wilson, now a lad of ten years, and is living in Milwaukee. Audrey L., their second daughter, became the wife of Lloyd L. Livingston, also of Milwaukee, and they have one daughter Victoria Louise, who is nine years of age.

Although seeking affiliation with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have never identified themselves with any religious organization but attend the services of all denominations.



Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army of the Republic. In politics he is a democrat, and although he takes an active interest in all local affairs he has never been identified with the official life of the community. Nevertheless he is numbered among the enterprising and progressive citizens of Allerton, where during the thirty years of his residence he has never failed to accord his support to any movement which in his judgment would forward the intellectual, moral or material welfare of its citizens.

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### DAVID D. STURGEON.

One of the most successful agriculturists and stockmen of Wayne county is David D. Sturgeon, who resides on a farm of six hundred and eighty acres the greater part of which is located on sections 5 and 6 of Jackson township, and the remainder in Corydon township. He has long been a resident of Iowa, having settled here when this section of the state was largely undeveloped prairie and gave little promise of its future prominence as an agricultural district. Mr. Sturgeon was born in Centerville, Pennsylvania, on the 20th of May, 1836, and is a son of Robert and Eliza (Rogers) Sturgeon. The parents, who were born, reared and married in the Keystone state, removed to Ohio in 1839, and there resided for seventeen years. In 1856, they continued their journey westward to Appanoose county, Iowa, where they passed the remainder of their lives, the mother passing away in 1869, at the age of sixty-five years, while the father was eighty at the time of his death, his natal year being 1799. They were the parents of twelve children, our subject being the eighth in order of birth.

David D. Sturgeon was a child of only three years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio, and a youth of twenty when the family came to Iowa. In the acquirement of his education he first attended the district and public schools of Martinsburg, Ohio, completing his course of study in the academy at Chesterville, that state. At the age of seventeen years he laid aside his text-books and began his apprenticeship at the silversmith's trade. When he was twenty-one he identified himself with the commercial interests of Centerville, Iowa, where for twenty-five years he successfully engaged in the jewelry business. Owing to failing eyesight at the expiration of that time he was compelled to seek another occupation and disposing of his store he came to Wayne county and bought a farm, and has ever since been engaged in general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. He has directed his undertakings in a well organized, capable manner and has met with more than an average measure of success, and now holds the title to three thousand acres of land, the greater portion of it being located in Wayne and Appanoose counties and the remainder in Missouri and Kansas. The land in his home place has a natural drainage and has been brought to a high state of productivity. The entire tract is fenced with barbed wire, and the improvements on the place are consistent with the spirit of progress and enterprise he has always manifested as a

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business men. In connection with the cultivation of his fields he raises graded Jersey cattle and hogs for the market and also horses and mules.

In religious faith Mr. Sturgeon is a Methodist, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has passed through all of the chairs and encampment. During the Civil war he volunteered his services three times, but was always rejected because of an injury he had sustained to his hand. However, he went to the front to take care of a brother-in-law, who had previously joined the army and was ill, remaining in the south until the close of hostilities. His allegiance in matters politic Mr. Sturgeon gives to the republican party, but has never been identified with official affairs. He is interested in the Corydon Lumber Company of Corydon, and is numbered among the substantial citizens of Wayne county, where he is accorded by all who know him the esteem and respect ever extended to enterprising men of honorable and upright business methods. Mr. Sturgeon has been an interested observer of the progress and development of this section of Iowa, toward the advancement of which he has contributed his quota both as a business man and agriculturist. When he first came here the country was but sparsely settled, and the woods still abounded with wild game, deer being plentiful, while the settlers were compelled to protect their stock from the wolves.

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#### WILLIAM E. WYATT.

William E. Wyatt is the owner of valuable property interests in Lucas county, owning one hundred and sixty acres of choice land in Union township besides a comfortable residence in Derby, where he makes his home. He is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Iowa, having come to this county with his parents in 1853, but his birth occurred in Edgar county, Illinois, September 19, 1847. He is a son of S. Y. and Eliza (Scott) Wyatt, natives of Virginia, who made the overland journey in 1853 and settled in Clarke county, Iowa, where they made their home for a number of years. They endured all of the hardships and difficulties of pioneer existence but eventually developed a well improved and productive farm. The father died in Clarke county at the age of eighty-six and the mother passed away in Lucas county. They were the parents of ten children, of whom the following grew to maturity: William E., of this review; Jacob, who is engaged in farming in Union township; James, of Montana; and Mrs. Electa Jane Wells, who has passed away.

William E. Wyatt grew to manhood on his father's farm in Franklin township, Clarke county, and there remained until he was twenty-one years of age. He then married but continued to reside in the vicinity, engaging in farming for a number of years. In 1883 he removed to Derby and here he turned his attention to the general merchandise business, developing in the course of years a large and important enterprise and building up an extensive patronage as result of his fine stock of goods, his reasonable prices and his honorable and straightforward business methods. Mr. Wyatt till continues to make his home in Derby and he is numbered today among the valued and respected residents of that city. He owns a well furnished home here and one hundred and

sixty acres of land in Union township, to which he gives active and careful supervision.

On the 10th of December, 1868, Mr. Wyatt was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Levally, who was born in Eddyville, Iowa, December 19, 1848, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Tunks) Levally, the former of whom died in Eddyville, Iowa. The mother afterward moved to Union township, Lucas county, and settled on the farm now owned by the subject of this review. Upon this property she passed away in January, 1882. She and her husband became the parents of four children: Mrs. Phoebe Garland, who has passed away; Mrs. Martha Irvin, of Weldon, Iowa; Henry Benton, who enlisted from Lucas county for service in the Union army and died upon the battlefield; and Mrs. Wyatt, wife of the subject of this review. Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt have an adopted son, Lee W. Lugar, whom they took into their home at the age of eighteen months. A more extended mention of his career appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Wyatt belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Yeomen in Derby and he and his wife are members of the Rebekahs. They are devout members of the Christian church at Last Chance. Both are representatives of well known families of this county and have an extensive acquaintance within its borders, their fine qualities of character having commanded the confidence and high regard of their fellow citizens.

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#### JOHN C. AND W. J. FULLER.

John C. Fuller, a native of Magog, Canada, where he was born September 25, 1835, now lives retired in his comfortable home in Lucas after a long and active career as agriculturist, having followed farming in Lucas county since 1872. His parents, Benjamin and Susan (Chapman) Fuller, were also natives of that country, where they passed away. The maternal ancestors originally came from the United States.

John C. Fuller was reared under the parental roof in Canada, remaining in that country until he was twenty-eight years of age, when in 1863 he removed to Illinois where he remained for nine years, following agricultural pursuits until in 1872 he came to Lucas county, Iowa, where he and his wife have resided since. They settled in Liberty township where he attained success, his incessant labor, energy and thorough methods bringing him prosperity. A few years ago he retired and purchased a comfortable home in Lucas, and there he spends his declining years in the enjoyment of a competence.

On August 20, 1855, Mr. Fuller was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Nelson, who was also born in Canada on Christmas day, 1835. She made the trip to Illinois with her husband in 1863, a journey which consumed eighteen days on account of inclement weather, and subsequently remained his true and faithful helpmate, sharing success and adversity alike. Her parents, Major General Manley Nelson, a well known officer, and Mrs. Belinda (Smith) Nelson, are both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller became parents of ten children of whom the four eldest were born in Canada, the next three in Illinois and the remain-

der in Lucas county. They are as follows: Lunette C., deceased; Ernest Elbert, who has also passed away; Mrs. S. S. Compston, a resident of North Platte, Nebraska; Manly J., residing in Lucas; Olaf B., who also makes his home in that city; Herbert F., of Bedford, Iowa; Eugene D., who passed away in June, 1891; Orris J., of Chariton; W. J., of Lucas; and Bert C., of Creston, this state.

Of this family W. J. Fuller was born in Lucas county, Iowa, May 16, 1874, and there attended public schools and grew to manhood. He early became connected with coal mining interests of Lucas and is thus identified at the present time. He was married, February 9, 1897, to Miss Lily May Patterson, who was born in Washington county, Ohio, May 7, 1880, and of her parentage more extended mention is made on another page of this volume under the caption J. D. Patterson. Unto Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fuller were born three children: Ona, born June 5, 1899; Fleta, born in October, 1902; and Zora Belle, born February 27, 1907. All of these are attending the public school in Lucas. Public-spirited and progressive, Mr. Fuller carries on the honorable traditions of the family and is making for himself a substantial place in the community. Wherever known he is highly respected and esteemed and he and his wife are popular among the younger residents of Lucas.

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#### EUGENE A. SMITH.

Eugene A. Smith is one of the extensive landowners of Lucas county, carrying on general farming upon two hundred and forty acres in Washington township and owning besides a half interest in three hundred acres in Benton township. He is still active in the conduct of his farming interests but resides in Russell, where he owns a modern and well furnished home. He was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, April 22, 1859, and is a son of Jacob and Emmeline (Vogel) Smith, the former a native of Muskingum county, born in March, 1827, and the latter of Germany. The parents moved to Wapello county, Iowa, making the journey overland in 1862, and they settled in Blakesburg, where they resided for some time. On the 26th of March, 1864, they moved to Lucas county and the father died on the farm near Russell, on the 26th of April, 1890. The mother, who was brought to America when she was a few months old, also passed away in this city. Eight children were born to their union: Augusta, the wife of Thomas C. Thorne, a farmer in Union township; Mrs. Adelia Thornbrue, who was born March 12, 1855, and who now resides in Des Moines, Iowa; C. D., who was born August 5, 1857, and resides near Russell; Eugene A., of this review; Mrs. Violet Coen, whose birth occurred February 15, 1861, and who makes her home in Afton, Iowa; Mrs. Adessa Plotts, who was born January 25, 1866, and who now resides in Des Moines; one who died in infancy unnamed; and Algernon, who died at the age of two years.

Eugene A. Smith was three years of age when he accompanied his parents on their overland journey to Iowa. He came with them to Lucas county in 1864 and here acquired his education. After laying aside his books he turned his attention to farming and this occupation he has since followed with gratify-



EUGENE A. SMITH





ing success. He owns today two hundred and forty acres in Washington township, with a set of good improvements, and in conjunction with his brother C. D. Smith has three hundred acres of choice land in Benton township, this latter property being supplied with excellent barns and outbuildings and labor-saving machinery. Mr. Smith resides in Russell, where he owns a comfortable home and where he has become widely and favorably known as a progressive business man and public-spirited citizen.

On the 30th of September, 1885, Mr. Smith married Miss Carrie W. Lutz, who was born in Bushnell, Illinois, May 14, 1863. She is a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Ewald) Lutz, natives of Germany, the former born in Bavaria, August 16, 1829, and the latter born March 20, 1837. The father came to America in 1852 and the parents were married at Bushnell, Illinois, where they resided until 1884, coming in that year to Lucas county, Iowa, where the father engaged in farming. Both have passed away, George Lutz dying at Russell in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Smith, March 2, 1904, having survived his wife, who died at Russell, February 3, 1902. Six children were born to their union: Nicholas, whose birth occurred January 15, 1861, and who died at Chariton, May 3, 1912; Mrs. Smith, wife of the subject of this review; John, who was born June 25, 1866, and who died at Macon, Missouri, April 20, 1888; George, who was born December 3, 1868, and who resides in South Dakota; Louis, who passed away at the age of six months; and Mrs. Elizabeth Blanchard, who was born October 12, 1876, and who resides in Chariton. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have become the parents of two sons; Guy Walter, who was born July 21, 1891, who graduated from the Russell high school and who is at present attending the Capital City Commercial College of Des Moines; and Howard Eugene, whose birth occurred January 14, 1896, and who is attending public school in Russell.

Mr. Smith is a democrat in his political beliefs and served for four years as a member of the school board and for a similar period of time on the city council. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which he takes a prominent part. His life is at all times in harmony with his professions and those who know him entertain for him the highest regard because of his admirable qualities of heart and mind.

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#### FRED CALVIN WYATT.

Fred Calvin Wyatt is well known in agricultural circles of Lucas and Clarke counties as superintendent of his father's extensive farming interests and in business circles of Derby as a successful dealer in horses. He is a native son of this part of Iowa, born in Franklin township, Clarke county, April 10, 1875, his parents being Jacob B. and Dora E. (Wolverton) Wyatt, of whom extended mention is found elsewhere in this work.

Fred Calvin Wyatt grew to manhood upon his father's farm in Union township and acquired his primary education in the district schools, supplementing this by one and a half years at Simpson College at Indianola. For two years after beginning his independent career he was a clerk in Satton's store in Derby, after which he formed a partnership with Mr. Pollard under the firm

name of Wyatt & Pollard. The partners conducted a large and profitable mercantile establishment in Derby for five years, after which Mr. Wolverton became connected with the concern and the name was changed to Wyatt & Wolverton. After a very successful business career Mr. Wyatt retired from the conduct of this mercantile concern and turned his attention to farming, operating an excellent tract of land in Union township for three years thereafter. At the end of that time, however, he returned to Derby, where his time is now fully occupied by his duties of superintending his father's two hundred and forty acre farm in Franklin township, Clarke county, and his extensive interests as a horse dealer, he having through his energy, industry and sound judgment built up a profitable patronage along this line.

Fred Calvin Wyatt married Miss Ressa C. Johnson, who was born in Derby, Iowa, and who grew to womanhood in this city, attending the common schools and supplementing this by a course in the Conservatory of Music at Indianola. Extended mention is made of her parents on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of W. P. Wolverton. Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt have become the parents of three children: Marie, Dwight and Elizabeth, all of whom were born in Derby and are now attending public school in that city. Mr. Wyatt gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and was elected township clerk but could not qualify as he had removed his residence from the township. While making his home in Clarke county he served as a member of the board of education and is at present connected with the Derby board. He and his wife are both representatives of pioneer families of Iowa and have an extensive acquaintance within the borders of Lucas county, where their many excellent traits of character are known and recognized.

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### LIFUS HOLT.

The year 1856 marked the arrival of Lifus Holt in Iowa, for it was in that year that he located in Clarke county, becoming an early pioneer of this section of the state. He was born in Martin county, Indiana, December 29, 1846, and when ten years old emigrated overland with his parents by ox team to seek the broader opportunities of the yet undeveloped west. His parents were John and Ava (Kilgore) Holt, natives of Indiana, who were born in 1824 and 1827, respectively. During life the father followed agricultural pursuits and, conquering pioneer conditions and overcoming hardships and obstacles, succeeded in establishing a profitable farming enterprise, passing away on January 2, 1864, after a useful life of only about forty years. The mother survived only a few months, her death occurring in Lucas county in November of the same year. In their family were the following children: Lifus, of this review; Mrs. Allie Ferguson, of Sac county, Iowa; Kellogg, of Fremont county; Nelson, deceased; H. C., residing in Warren county; Mrs. Sarah Ann Felton, of New Virginia; Sterling H., of Clarke county; and Mrs. Catherine Pennington, of Otter Creek township. The older children were born in Indiana and the younger ones in Iowa.

Reared amid pioneer conditions, Lifus Holt received such educational advantages as the neighborhood afforded and early acquainted himself with agricultural labors by assisting his father with the work of the farm. He steeled his spirit by hard work on the unbroken prairie and in wresting from the wilderness a verdant and fertile farm. No railroads were there at the time of his arrival and such conditions as surrounded him were of the most primitive kind. Indians were still plentiful and wild game often furnished the meat for the table. However, this hard school of experience formed a character which makes Lifus Holt respected and esteemed by all who know him and which was the foundation of his success. Today he owns eighty acres of choice land on section 31, Otter Creek township, with a well appointed residence and substantial outbuildings, the appearance of his farm indicating the prosperity which has been his.

In 1873 Mr. Holt was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Holt, who was born in Indiana, November 16, 1856, and in that state she grew to womanhood. Her father, Henry Holt, was born in Pennsylvania in 1830 and died in Indiana at the ripe old age of seventy-eight, in 1909. Her mother, Vina (Ritchey) Holt, was born in the latter state in 1835 and there died on April 9, 1913, having reached the same age as her husband. Mrs. Lifus Holt has one half-brother, Henry Nichols, who resides in Indiana. Her other brothers and sisters were: Jacob, of Indiana; Mrs. Catherine Armstrong, deceased; Christopher, also of Indiana; Emma, deceased; Rowena, who has also passed away; Mrs. Alma Blackamore, of Indiana; Doswell, also a resident of that state; Mrs. Margaret Hall, of Mississippi; Mrs. Luella Cables, of New York; James, of Indiana; and George, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lifus Holt have five children: Mrs. Rowena Manley, born December 21, 1874, of Otter Creek township; Henry, born May 1, 1876, of Lucas; John, whose birth occurred January 21, 1878, and who is also a resident of Lucas; Seymour, born on Christmas day, 1884, who assists his father in the work of the farm; and Mrs. Georgia A. Evans, born June 19, 1888, who resides in Jackson township. All of these children were born and reared in Otter Creek township and are common school graduates.

In his political affiliations Mr. Holt is a democrat and staunchly supports his party's candidates at the polls. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian Union church of Clarke county. He still is active in the operation of his eighty acre tract of valuable land on section 31, Otter Creek township, devoting his labors to its cultivation and contributing by his work to the agricultural advancement of the county.

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#### HENRY WESTFALL.

A native of Union township, Lucas county, Henry Westfall has practically passed his entire life in this vicinity, having been continually identified with agricultural interests either as an active agriculturist or in buying and selling live stock. He is a member of one of the oldest families of Union township and it has been that pioneer spirit which has made itself felt in his career and

brought him success. One hundred and sixty acres, verdant and in good bearing, stand as evidence of his success and not only prove the able management of his private affairs but represent the part he has taken in the general agricultural development of the section. Henry Westfall was born in Union township on March 17, 1866, a son of Granville and Jeannette (Teal) Westfall, the former a native of Jackson county, West Virginia, born March 3, 1829, and the latter born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, on October 26, 1830. In the fall of 1849, among the earliest settlers, the parents came overland to Union township and there remained until their death. There were no railroads when they arrived in this section and the prairie was yet unbroken, its vast stretches peopled with Indians and wild game roaming afield. There they founded a home and with hardy, undaunted spirit underwent the trying experiences of pioneers. In their family were fourteen children: Mrs. Martha Troutman, born October 20, 1849, and a resident of Union township; Clark, whose birth occurred on March 6, 1851, and who passed away in the same township; David, born November 5, 1852, who makes his home in Indianola, Iowa; Franklin, whose natal day was November 26, 1854, and who died in Walla Walla, Washington, on January 17, 1885; Alfred, born November 13, 1856, who died in infancy; John P., who was born December 27, 1857, and resides in Le Roy, Iowa; George, whose birthday is February 15, 1860, a resident of Derby, this state; Mrs. Flora Kyner, born November 28, 1861, of Humeston, Iowa; Mrs. Victoria Kyner, born February 25, 1864, of Humeston, Iowa; Henry, of this review; Justin, born April 6, 1868, who makes his home in Derby, where he is manager of a large lumberyard and of whom more extended mention is made in another part of this work; Lucinda, born November 2, 1870, who died December 26, 1885; Jo Ann, who was born December 23, 1871, and died before she reached her first birth anniversary, on August 29, 1872; and Charles, also deceased. Mrs. Troutman was born in Monroe county, Iowa, but all the younger children were natives of Union township, Lucas county. Granville Westfall passed away in Jackson county, West Virginia, while on a visit on December 17, 1891, in his sixty-second year, his wife having preceded him in death about six years, her demise occurring in Union township on November 25, 1885. They were among the highly respected people of their locality and enjoyed the confidence and good-will of their friends and neighbors.

Henry Westfall was reared under the parental roof and early guided by his parents along the right way to success by having instilled into him the value of those fundamental virtues which make a man respected by his fellows. He attended the common schools in his township and there grew to manhood, becoming acquainted with thorough agricultural methods under the able guidance of his father. However, he did not take up immediately the active cultivation of land but for eleven years was engaged in the buying and selling of live stock in Derby, his endeavors being met with gratifying results. He now owns one hundred and sixty acres of choice land, in Union township, under high cultivation and improved with substantial buildings. Following progressive methods, he has succeeded in making his farm one of the most valuable properties in his locality and can look with pride upon his achievement.

On January 2, 1891, Mr. Westfall was united in marriage to Miss Rose Clarke, a native of Indiana, born April 22, 1875. Her family came subse-



quently to Lucas county, Iowa, where they located near Chariton. Her parents had eleven children: Ida, deceased; Oliver, a resident of Osceola, Iowa; Mrs. Mertie Rich, of Muskogee, Oklahoma; Mrs. Mary Martin, residing in Chariton, Iowa; Frank, of St. Joseph, Missouri; Mrs. Henry Westfall, of Union township; Mrs. Nettie Swisher, of Richman township, Wayne county, Iowa; Ray, of Holbrook, Nebraska; Arthur, of Omaha, that state; Fred, who makes his home in Los Angeles, California; and Leo, who resides with Mr. and Mrs. Westfall. The six older children of this family were born in Indiana, the succeeding four in Lucas county and the youngest in Clarke county.

In political matters Mr. Westfall takes the interest of an active, earnest citizen and voter and is a democrat. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also belongs to the Rebekah lodge of Derby, of which his wife is likewise a member. He also holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America in Derby. A forceful element in his community, Mr. Westfall has been a strong factor in the advancement of his section and has ever been as considerate of the public interests as of his own prosperity. He is therefore highly respected and esteemed and there are many who are proud to call him friend.

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#### ALFRED D. McCULLOCH.

Humeston numbers among its most public-spirited, active and progressive citizens the present postmaster, A. D. McCulloch, who since 1906 has been acceptably discharging the duties of his office. Since 1888 he has been a resident of the city and during the intervening period has been carried forward by the force of his ability and energy into important relations with the general business life of the community in which he has been an active force and a dominating factor.

Mr. McCulloch was born in Holmes county, Ohio, January 24, 1851, a son of Joseph and Nancy (Miller) McCulloch, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of whom died in Ohio at an early date. The mother long survived her husband, passing away in that state at the age of seventy-nine. In their family were fourteen children: One who died in infancy; Hugh, deceased; James, who died in Oskaloosa, Iowa; Miller R., who was a captain in the Second Kentucky Cavalry and was killed at the battle of Murfreesboro in the Civil war; David and Mrs. Nancy Jane Painter, who have also passed away; Albertus P., a veteran of the Civil war, who served during that conflict as a member of an Ohio regiment; Mrs. Martha Ann Sherlock, residing in Indiana; Joseph, who died in infancy; George, a prominent physician of Humeston; Alfred D., of this review; Joseph C., whose home is in Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Ella Slagle, of Millersburg, Ohio; and Isaac, who died at Brooklyn, Iowa.

In the acquirement of an education Alfred D. McCulloch attended the public schools in Holmes county and there grew to manhood. After laying aside his books he followed farming and engaged extensively in stock shipping for a number of years, varying his activities at times by teaching school. In 1888 he came with his family to Humeston, Iowa, where he has since resided. For

some time he assisted his brother, Dr. George McCulloch, in the management of farming lands and in this way acquired valuable property holdings, owning at the present time four hundred acres in this locality, three hundred and twenty acres in Union township, Wayne county, and eighty acres in Richman township, this county, all with good improvements. Afterward Mr. McCulloch of this review became interested in dealing in live stock and for a number of years shipped high-grade horses, cattle, hogs and sheep to the eastern markets, where his animals commanded a high price and a ready sale. In 1891 he entered the hardware field and remained in that connection until 1911, making his business one of the most progressive enterprises in the town. In 1896 he was elected sheriff of Wayne county and since that time has been influentially connected with local public life, evidencing in this relation loyalty, patriotism and conscientiousness of a high order. For one term he was justice of the peace and for some time a member of the town council, resigning the latter office when he was appointed to his present position of postmaster. He has served creditably in this office since April, 1906, fulfilling his duties in a systematic, capable and efficient manner. Mr. McCulloch has extensive property interests in Humeston, owning a beautiful and well furnished home in a fine residence district and being the proprietor also of the building in which the postoffice is located. He is interested as a stockholder in the Allerton State Bank, of which he has been a director since its organization. He is a man of keen business ability, resourceful, capable and energetic, and his qualities of initiative and independence have ever been manifested in the excellent results he has achieved.

In Holmes county, Ohio, Mr. McCulloch was united in marriage to Miss Rosa A. Finley, who was born in that section, a daughter of David and Nancy (Elliott) Finley, natives of Ohio. In this family were six children: Mrs. Celia Gray, residing in Kellerton, Iowa; Calvin, whose home is at Cleveland, Ohio; Oliver, of Millersburg, Ohio; Rosa A., the wife of the subject of this review; Elmer, also a resident of Millersburg, Ohio; and Mrs. Ida Farver, who has passed away. All of these children were born in Holmes county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. McCulloch have four children. Bert, born in Holmes county, Ohio, was graduated from the Corydon high school and is now acting as cashier of the Home Savings Bank at Humeston. Harry L., whose birth also occurred in Holmes county, was graduated from the Iowa State College at Ames and is now practicing as a veterinary surgeon at New Sharon, Iowa. Nannie D., a native of Wayne county, attended the State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls and Drake University of Des Moines and for the past three years has been teaching in the primary department of the Humeston public schools. Franklin, who completes the family, is attending high school in Humeston.

Mr. McCulloch has extensive fraternal relations, being a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 288, F. & A. M., to which his two oldest sons also belong. He holds membership in the chapter at Corydon, the commandery at Centerville and is affiliated also with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to Chappaqua Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Humeston, and Blue Grass Camp, Modern Woodmen of America. He has gained a position of distinction in the latter organization and at one time served as delegate to the head camp at Indianapolis, Indiana. He is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, she having been worthy matron

for three terms. Mr. McCulloch gives his allegiance to the republican party and has been active in support of its principles and policies for many years. No movement for the public good seeks his aid in vain and he has never shirked the responsibilities of citizenship, working loyally always for the good of his community. Especially is he interested in school matters and his business ability has been a helpful factor in the cause of school expansion, for he was president of the board of education when the present school building was completed. He is the oldest business man in Humeston, as well as one of the leading and representative ones and his ability has been broadened and developed by travel through all parts of the United States. He is interested in history and has made it his aim to visit points of historic interest. Being in all things broad-minded and liberally cultured, he is an upright and straightforward business man and a kindly and courteous gentleman.

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### WILLIAM H. CONNER.

William H. Conner, a veteran of the Civil war and for twenty-five years actively and prominently connected with agricultural interests of Union township, is living retired in Derby, having won rest and leisure by earnest and straightforward labor in the past. He was born in Preston county, West Virginia, September 8, 1839, and is a son of Job and Nancy (McNier) Conner, the former a native of Preston county and the latter of Pennsylvania. The parents journeyed overland in 1855 and settled in Union township, Lucas county, where they remained for a number of years. The father died in Indiana at the age of forty years and the mother passed away in Union township in 1861 when she was fifty years of age. Eight children were born to their union: Mrs. Margaret Clymer, deceased; Alfred, who resides in Derby; Elizabeth, who has passed away; William H., of this review; Harrison, deceased; Lucy Ann, who died at the age of eighteen; a son who died in infancy; and John who died when six years of age. With the exception of the youngest all of these children were born in West Virginia.

William H. Conner spent his childhood and early youth in Indiana, and there acquired a common school education. At the age of sixteen he came overland with his parents and settled in Union township in 1855. He afterward removed to Indiana and from that state enlisted in Company D, Forty-sixth Indiana Volunteers, Thirteenth Army Corps, Infantry, for service in the Civil war. He participated in many of the important engagements on the southern battle fields and was wounded at Champion Hills. On the 5th of April, 1865, he was mustered out with honorable discharge and returned to Indiana, where he continued to reside until 1869. In that year he removed to Union township, Lucas county, and turned his attention to farming. Upon a fine property of eighty acres, which he still owns, he carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, winning in the course of years success, prominence and substantial fortune. In 1893, having acquired a comfortable competency, he retired from active life and moved into a modern and well furnished home in Derby, where he and his wife are spending their

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declining years in the rest and comfort which they have won by a long period of earnest labor.

In Logansport, Indiana, September 1, 1869, Mr. Conner was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Marshall, who was born in Carroll county, Indiana, May 20, 1850. She is a daughter of John Hanks and Margaret (Kendall) Marshall, who went as pioneers to Ohio and emigrated to Monroe county, Indiana, at an early date. Mrs. Conner lived in Carroll county, until she was fifteen years of age and then removed to Cass county, in the same state, where she resided until her marriage. She is one of a family of eleven children, as follows: Mrs. Mary Brown; George, who resides in Logansport, Indiana; Mrs. Susanna Chord, also of Logansport; Mrs. Conner, wife of the subject of this review; James J. and Mrs. Candace Cragin, both of Logansport. All the other children in this family died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Conner have become the parents of four children, all born in Wayne county: John, whose birth occurred June 15, 1870, and who now resides in Montrose, Colorado; Charles, who was born April 19, 1872, and who lives in Union township; Mrs. Margaret Sidebottom, who was born May 22, 1877, and who makes her home in Lucas county; and Bruce, who was born May 22, 1889, and who died July 23, 1906. He was gifted with an unusual talent for painting and music and two of his pictures which hang in the Conner home in Derby show rare promise along this line. He was just entering upon a career which undoubtedly would have led to prominence and distinction had it not been cut short by his untimely death.

Mrs. Conner is a member of the Presbyterian church and is a lady of many excellent qualities of mind and character, highly esteemed and respected in the city where she makes her home. Mr. Conner is connected with the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and thus keeps in touch with his comrades of fifty years ago. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he was for three years supervisor of Lucas county, discharging his duties in this responsible position in a creditable and able way. He is a man of many sterling traits of character, able in business and progressive in citizenship, and his success is well deserved for it has been well earned and is always worthily used.

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#### JAMES NEWTON JEFFRIES

James Newton Jeffries has been a resident of Wayne county since 1866 and since that time has been accounted one of the greatest forces in promoting progress, having made substantial contributions to the development of farming and stock-raising interests. He is today a large buyer, seller and shipper of live stock and is in addition president of the Russell State Bank, holding a position of precedence in financial circles. He was born in Montgomery county, Kentucky, April 10, 1847, a son of John and Elizabeth J. (McCormick) Jeffries, the former born near Nicholasville, Kentucky, and the latter in Montgomery county. The father died September 20, 1861, at the hands of the bushwhackers. He was an ardent northern sympathizer and was recruiting for the Twenty-fourth Kentucky Infantry when he was killed. His wife passed away in Wayne county, Iowa. Six children were born to their union, as follows: Mrs. Mary



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Frame, deceased; Mrs. Nancy Willoughby, who died at Mount Sterling, Kentucky, in 1912; W. T., who passed away in Los Angeles, California; James N., of this review; Mrs. Ruth Adcock, of Confidence, Wayne county; and Mrs. Margaret Bowie, of Corydon. These children were all born and reared in Kentucky.

James Newton Jeffries acquired his education in the public schools of Montgomery county and there remained until 1865. In that year he moved to Wright township, this county, where he remained for a short time, returning to Kentucky and remaining one year. At the end of that time he came again to Wayne county and he has been a continuous resident of this locality since. During the intervening years he has engaged in farming, stock-raising and stock buying and shipping, but he now concentrates his attention upon the latter line of work, controlling a large and important patronage. On the 1st of April, 1908, he became connected with financial interests of Russell when he was elected president of the Russell State Bank, a position which he occupies at the present time. This is one of the strongest moneyed institutions in this part of Iowa, capitalized at twenty-five thousand dollars and doing a general banking business. P. A. Roekey is cashier and Mr. Jeffries' son Homer assistant cashier. As its president Mr. Jeffries occupies a responsible and important position and one which makes continual demands upon his energy, resourcefulness and judgment. He has proved eminently well qualified for its duties and has already accomplished a great deal of farsighted and capable work.

In Wayne county Mr. Jeffries married Miss Ethelinda Reynolds, who was born in Oquawka, Henderson county, Illinois, the only daughter of Thomas Reynolds, of that locality. Mrs. Jeffries passed away in Wayne county, October 25, 1898, leaving the following children: Edward, who was born August 23, 1878, and who resides in Wright township, on the old Reynolds homestead; Roy, born the 23d of October, 1880, who resides near Russell; John, of Wright township; Mrs. Leora Van Benthusan, who was born August 3, 1884, and who resides on the home farm on section 10, Wright township; Thomas, who was born July 31, 1886, and who resides in Cedar township; and Homer, who was born August 9, 1889, and who is now assistant cashier of the Russell State Bank. All of these children were born in Wayne county. Edward and John took a commercial course in Quincy, Illinois, and Homer was graduated from the Russell high school in 1908. He is a member of Russell Lodge, No. 337, I. O. O. F. In November, 1900, Mr. Jeffries was again married, his second wife being Mrs. Elzina G. McKinley, a native of Ohio who came to Iowa with her parents in early times. She had three children by her former marriage, as follows: Mrs. Bertha Johnson, born in January, 1874, residing on the home farm in Washington township; Ernest, born December 22, 1877, who lives in Kansas; and Alva, born December 26, 1884, who died in Quincy, Illinois.

Mr. Jeffries is a member of the Masonic lodge of Promise City. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and has served as assessor of Wright township, being at all times interested in public affairs, and cooperating heartily in movements to advance general progress and growth. During the many years he has lived in this section of the state he has accumulated valuable property interests, owning eighty acres of choice land in Wright township, Wayne county, and two hundred thirteen and a half acres in Cedar township, Lucas county, besides a

well furnished home in Russell. A resident of Wayne county since 1866, he has become widely and favorably known and his enviable standing in the community is the direct result of his unquestioned integrity and his honorable business methods.

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JESSE E. SCOTT, D. D. S.

Dr. Jesse E. Scott, who for the past four years has been engaged in the practice of dentistry in Seymour, is discharging his duties with a sense of conscientious obligation and has won for himself a foremost place in professional circles of this part of the state. He was born in Wapello county, Iowa, in 1888 and is a son of R. L. and Eva (Winslow) Scott, both natives of this state. His grandfather, Jesse Scott, was a native of Ohio and a pioneer in Iowa and spent a great many years of his life in Wapello county. On the maternal side Dr. Scott is a descendant of Jordan Winslow, of England. The father of our subject is well known in business circles of Farson, where for many years he conducted a general merchandise store and where he is now living retired. To him and his wife were born three children: Jesse E., of this review; Hampton, deceased; and Mary, who married Charles Banglin.

Dr. Scott acquired his early education in the public schools of his native section and afterward studied his profession at the Keokuk Dental College. He was graduated from this institution with the degree of D. D. S. in 1908 and afterward located for practice in Keosauqua, where he spent two years. He came to Seymour in 1910 and has since built up a liberal patronage here. He has gained recognition as one of the able and successful dentists in the city and by his well directed work, his high professional attainments and his sterling characteristics has justified the respect and confidence in which he is held by his fellow citizens and the local public. He belongs to the Masonic order, holding membership in the lodge, and his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. He keeps in touch with the advancement of his profession through his membership in the Psi Omega dental fraternity and also through indefatigable research and investigation. Although still a very young man he enjoys a large practice and is a progressive citizen and one whose position in the community is enviable, as the expression of public opinion regarding him is altogether favorable.

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JOHN T. HINCHLIFF.

John T. Hinchliff, who has been actively and successfully identified with agricultural interests in Wayne county for more than a third of a century, owns and operates an excellent farm of three hundred acres on sections 15 and 16, Richman township, adjoining the town of Hunnerton. His birth occurred in Oswego county, New York, on the 19th of April, 1851, his parents being James and Betsy (Smith) Hinchliff, both of whom were natives of England. The

father was born in Lancaster on the 18th of March, 1825, while the mother's birth occurred in Yorkshire on the 30th of November, 1821. James Hinchliff, who crossed the Atlantic to the United States when a young man of twenty-four years, was married in New York about 1850 and subsequently removed to Illinois, taking up his abode in Knox county, that state, in 1851. He followed general agricultural pursuits for twenty-two years and on the expiration of that period turned his attention to the hardware and lumber business. His demise occurred at Rio, Knox county, Illinois, on the 19th of August, 1901. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Betsy Smith, emigrated to America about 1849 and settled at New York Mills. She passed away in Knox county, Illinois, September 11, 1893. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hinchliff were born the following children: John T., of this review; J. E., whose birth occurred on the 17th of July, 1853, and who passed away at Galesburg, Illinois, March 28, 1909; Amos, born September 5, 1855, who is a resident of Rio, Illinois; Winfield S., born January 30, 1858, living at New Plymouth, Idaho; and Elmer Ellsworth, born May 6, 1861, who died December 19, 1862, at the age of one and a half years. With the exception of the first named all of the above children were born in Illinois.

John T. Hinchliff, who was but six months old when taken by his parents to Knox county, Illinois, there grew to manhood. In 1876 he came to Wayne county, Iowa, purchased a farm in Richman township and began its operation. Agricultural pursuits have claimed his attention continuously since and he now owns a farm comprising three hundred acres of valuable land on sections 15 and 16. The property is lacking in none of the conveniences and improvements of a model farm of the twentieth century, and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which is bestowed upon them. Mr. Hinchliff owns an attractive and commodious home and is widely recognized as one of the prosperous and esteemed citizens of his community.

On the 17th of August, 1876, Mr. Hinchliff was united in marriage to Miss Altha S. Thompson, who was born in Mercer county, Illinois, on the 17th of August, 1857, and there grew to womanhood. Her parents were Edgar and Mary I. (Chance) Thompson, the former born in Tazewell county, Illinois, on the 10th of March, 1825, and the latter on the 31st of August, 1828. Edgar Thompson died in 1897 but is still survived by his widow, who makes her home at Brush, Colorado. Their children were as follows: Mrs. Mary I. Crosby, born November 30, 1846, who is deceased; Sylvester, who was born on the 16th of December, 1850, and resides at Rio, Illinois; Mrs. Altha Hinchliff; Jephtha Cora, whose birth occurred on the 2d of February, 1860, and who is a resident of Rio, Illinois; Edward Dora, who was born on the 7th of December, 1862, and died in infancy; Mrs. Esther Luella Johnson, who was born on the 23d of March, 1864, and passed away in 1902; and Mrs. Lois Almira Epperson, whose birth occurred on the 3d of November, 1866, and who resides at Brush, Colorado. All of the above named were born in Mercer county, Illinois, and were reared in Mercer and Knox counties, of that state.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinchliff have six children, all natives of Richman township, Wayne county, Iowa. Orin C., whose birth occurred on the 21st of August, 1877, is a graduate of the Humeston high school and now assists his father in the operation of the old home farm. At the time of the Spanish-American

war he enlisted for service in Company H, Fiftieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Dr. James Hinchliff, whose natal day was December 7, 1879, was graduated from the Humeston high school with the class of 1898 and from the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons with the class of 1904. He was married to Ethel Crawford of Humeston, Iowa, December 13, 1906, and they have one daughter, Dorothy. He is now successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Minburn, Iowa. Mrs. Edna May Morford, who was born on the 25th of May, 1883, and obtained her education in the Humeston high school and Drake University at Des Moines, is now a resident of Richman township. She is the wife of W. C. Morford and they are the parents of one daughter, Mildred. Mary Mabel, whose birth occurred on the 31st of October, 1885, was graduated from the Humeston high school with the class of 1904 and for the past eight years has taught in the public schools of Humeston. Frederick and Florence, twins, were born on the 6th of June, 1890, and were graduated from the Humeston high school as members of the same class in 1909. Frederick is now engaged in business at Quincy, Illinois.

Mr. Hinchliff gives his political allegiance to the democracy and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to positions of trust. He has been a member of the board of education for sixteen years and has also served as township clerk, assessor, trustee and justice of the peace, discharging his duties in these various connections in an efficient and commendable manner. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Fidelity Lodge, No. 228, A. F. & A. M., of Humeston, of which he has been master for four years. He is likewise a member of the Eastern Star at Humeston, of which his wife is past worthy matron. Mrs. Hinchliff also belongs to the Congregational church at Humeston. They are widely known and highly esteemed and their upright, honorable lives have been a powerful influence for good in the community.

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#### JOHN J. GEORGE.

Union township numbers among its valued and worthy residents, John J. George, who came to this part of Iowa in 1873. Since that time his energetic public spirit and his loyalty in citizenship have been felt as forces in politics and in the promotion of progressive public projects, and his labors in the cultivation of his fine farm on section 24 as elements in agricultural development, and he stands today among the men of marked ability and substantial worth in this community. He was born in Bristol county, Massachusetts, February 10, 1848, and is a son of Henry and Sarah (Hartley) George, natives of England, the former born in Nottingham, May 1, 1818, and the latter in Stockport, May 24, of the same year, this being also the anniversary of the birth of Queen Elizabeth. The parents came to America at an early date and settled for a time in Massachusetts, whence they came west in 1858, locating in Rock Island county, Illinois. After two years they moved to Mercer county, in the same state, settling in Union township, Lucas county, in 1873. The father's death occurred in Derby. He had been trained to the mechanic's trade in England

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and knew nothing of farming when he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits in Rock Island county, Illinois, but he made up for defects in skill by industry, perseverance and determination and in time became one of the substantial and prosperous men of this community. His wife has also passed away, her death having likewise occurred in Derby. They were the parents of four children, all born in Massachusetts: John J., of this review; Albert L., who was born February 26, 1851, and who died in Lucas county, 1906; Frank H., whose birth occurred August 4, 1854, and who resides in Archie, Missouri; and Rowland F., who has passed away.

John J. George was ten years of age when he left Massachusetts and came with his parents to Rock Island county, Illinois, and he accompanied them in their later removals, coming to Union township, Lucas county, in 1873. Since that time he has remained an honored and respected resident of this part of Iowa and the section owes a great deal of its development and growth along agricultural lines to his energy and well directed labors. In addition to a comfortable and well furnished home in Derby he owns one hundred and forty-five acres of choice land on section 24, Union township, and gives a great deal of time to its management, its excellent condition at the present time reflecting the many years of careful supervision and practical labor which have been spent upon it. Mr. George is numbered among the progressive and substantial agriculturists of this locality and while promoting his individual prosperity has made substantial contributions to general agricultural development.

It is not alone along this line however that Mr. George has done splendid work for Union township, for since taking up his residence here he has been active in politics and his name stands today for all that is progressive and public-spirited in matters of citizenship. For a number of years he has served as justice of the peace and during his term of office has tried two hundred and fifty-seven cases without having one appealed. He has been a member of the Derby school board and was for nine years president of that body, the cause of education finding in him an earnest and able champion. He was appointed notary public by Governor Sherman and served two terms as mayor of Derby, giving to the city a constructive, efficient and businesslike administration. Movements looking towards the permanent interests of his township and county never seek his aid in vain and he is always to be found among the leaders in the promotion of progressive public projects.

In Mercer county, Illinois, on the 5th of November, 1871, Mr. George was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Dunn, who was there born on the 8th of May, 1851. She died in Derby on the 12th of December, 1904. To this union were born seven children: Elsie E., who was born August 5, 1872, and died in Derby; Mrs. Celia W. Conner, who was born February 15, 1874, now residing in Union township; Mrs. Bertha Shelton, whose birth occurred February 26, 1876, and who resides in Chariton, Iowa; W. Benjamin, who was born February 19, 1879, engaged in the barber business in Derby; Charlie H., who was born August 29, 1884, and who has passed away; Loy H., who was born May 20, 1894, and Homer D., born December 8, 1895, both of whom are assisting their father with the operation of the homestead.

On the 1st of January, 1906, Mr. George was again married, his second union being with Sophia Johnson, who was born in Rock Island county, Illinois,

May 17, 1867, a daughter of Robert and Mary Jane Johnson, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Illinois. Both died in Rock Island county. They had four children: Mrs. George, the wife of the subject of this review; Robert J., a resident of Rock Island county, Illinois; John W., also of Rock Island county; and Mrs. Lizzie Hicks, of Montezuma, Iowa. Mrs. George has been twice married and has two children by her former union. She and her husband have become the parents of a son, Russell J., who was born November 22, 1906.

Mr. George is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Derby and fraternally is connected with the Yeomen lodge. For thirty-one years he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was well known in the affairs of the local branch of that organization. He is fond of the best literature and is a wide reader, the library in his home containing a large and well selected assortment of books. A progressive, public-spirited and representative citizen, he has worked unselfishly for the best interests of the community and has placed them always before personal benefit. In the township where he has so long resided he has become widely and favorably known, his success commanding the respect of his associates and his sterling qualities of character winning him the esteem and good-will of his many friends.

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#### WALTER P. WOLVERTON.

Walter P. Wolverton, a successful and representative citizens of Derby, is actively engaged in the real-estate and insurance business and also superintends the operation of his farm of four hundred and eighty acres in Franklin township, Clarke county. His birth occurred in that township on the 14th of December, 1876, his parents being John and Rebecca Jane (Swinhart) Wolverton, both natives of Ohio. The father was born in Sycamore on the 14th of February, 1829, while the mother's natal day was June 29, 1833. In 1853 they took up their abode among the pioneer residents of Decatur county, Iowa, settling on a farm three miles west of Garden Grove, where John Wolverton followed general agricultural pursuits for one season. They then resided on a farm northeast of Garden Grove for four years and then purchased a tract of land in Clarke county which is still in possession of the family. They made their home thereon until 1896 and next removed to Le Roy, where they remained until 1904. In that year they took up their abode in Derby, where John Wolverton passed away December 17, 1907. His widow now makes her home with her son Walter. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Mrs. Margaret Jane Canfield, who was born on the 10th of May, 1853, and passed away in 1878; Louise, born January 7, 1855, whose demise occurred on the 9th of January of that year; Mrs. Dora E. Wyatt, who was born on the 4th of May, 1856, and resides in Derby; Samuel Byron, born June 30, 1859, who is deceased; John K., whose birth occurred April 15, 1870, and whose residence is at Stoutsville, Missouri; and Walter P., of this review. The above named were all born and reared in Iowa.

Walter P. Wolverton grew to manhood in Clarke county, attending the common schools in the acquirement of an education and also pursuing his studies in Simpson College for a year. He was a young man of twenty years when the family home was established in Le Roy, and in 1899 he came to Derby, here being engaged in the mercantile business for five years. Subsequently he spent a year on the old homestead in Clarke county and then returned to Derby to embark in the real-estate and insurance business, in which he has been successfully engaged to the present time. In addition to his modern and commodious residence at Derby he owns a well improved farm of four hundred and eighty acres of rich and productive land in Franklin township, Clarke county, superintending its operation in connection with his other business interests.

On the 7th of June, 1898, at Derby, Iowa, Mr. Wolverton was united in marriage to Miss Anna O. Johnson, who was born in that town on the 25th of June, 1879, grew to womanhood in Union township and acquired her education in the public schools here. Her parents, A. G. and Gustave (Brown) Johnson, are natives of Sweden, the former born on the 29th of September, 1848, and the latter on the 30th of September, 1847. A. G. Johnson crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1869 and from May until November of that year resided in Chicago. He then took up his abode in Lucas county, Iowa, and has remained within its borders continuously since, having been engaged in the shoemaking and harness-making business at Derby to the present time. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: Mrs. Ellen Marie Wyatt, who is deceased; Mrs. F. C. Wyatt, of Derby; Charles J., who was born in 1876 and resides in Derby; Mrs. Anna Wolverton; one who has passed away; and David E., who makes his home in Derby. All of these children were born and reared in Lucas county. Mr. and Mrs. Wolverton have three children, namely: Mona Marie, whose birth occurred on the 3d of September, 1899; Thurman J., born July 28, 1902; and Pauline, whose natal day was December 1, 1904. All are natives of Derby and are now attending the public schools of that town.

Mr. Wolverton is a staunch republican in politics and has served as a member of the town council and in the capacity of town clerk for a number of years. He has been a member of the school board for four terms and is serving thereon at the present time. Mr. Wolverton and his family belong to the Presbyterian church at Derby. Both he and his wife have spent their entire lives in this section of the state and have a circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

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#### O. T. SKIDMORE.

A resident of Lucas, Jackson township, Iowa, of which he is a native, and a faithful and efficient government employe connected with the railway mail service between Chicago and Council Bluffs, O. T. Skidmore is highly esteemed and respected for his many commendable qualities of character. Born September 12, 1882, he comes of a well known family, more extended mention of whom is made in connection with the sketch of J. T. Skidmore. He grew to manhood in Lucas, where he attended the common schools and completed his course in

the Lucas high school. Early he assisted his father with the work on the farm and then was for two years employed by C. A. Williams & Brothers, general merchants. Following his initial experience in the business world, he established himself with his brother in the coal business in Lucas, remaining in that connection until he passed the examination for the railway mail service, which he entered on a run between Chicago and Council Bluffs on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, having ever since followed this occupation.

On March 6, 1905, he was married to Miss Isabelle Morrison, a native of Jackson township, this county, where she was born October 5, 1884, and grew to womanhood, attending the public schools in the acquirement of her education. Her parents are Marion and Margaret (Johnston) Morrison and they now reside at Albia, Iowa. In their family were eight children, of whom Mrs. Skidmore is the oldest. The others are: Arvilla, Rhoad, William, Francis, Adlai, Earl and Waldo. Mr. and Mrs. Skidmore have four sons: Charles Noel, born March 17, 1906; Dwight Morrison, born August 19, 1907; Roger Wayne, born June 13, 1910; and Wallace Keith, born August 29, 1912. The two elder are attending public school at Lucas.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Skidmore are highly respected and esteemed in their home community, where they have many friends. They are members of the Presbyterian church of Lucas and take deep interest in its work. Fraternally Mr. Skidmore belonged for some time to the lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Lucas but of late has given up this connection on account of his duties. The family residence is renowned for its hospitality and is often the meeting place of their friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Skidmore are well versed in literature and, deeply convinced of the value of education, give their children the best opportunities along that line. Although Mr. Skidmore is but thirty-one years of age, he has laid the foundation for a substantial position in the community and the future promises well for him.

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#### WINFIELD S. EVANS.

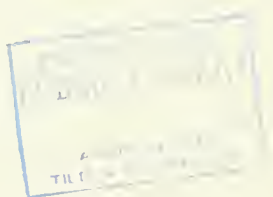
After many years of close and influential association with the agricultural interests of Wayne county Winfield S. Evans is living in retirement in Seymour, enjoying the comforts earned during a long period of honest and zealous labor. He is a native of Iowa, born in Lee county in December, 1850, a son of Hiram and Sarah Jane (Robison) Evans. The family can be traced back through successive generations from the father of our subject, who is a son of James Evans to Evan Evans, a native of Wales, who came to America prior to the year 1753 and settled in what is now Geigertown, Pennsylvania. He served in many of the Indian and Colonial wars and upon the outbreak of the American Revolution joined his forces with those of the new country, serving in the Continental army as a member of Captain John Robeson's Pennsylvania State Militia. His grandson, who was the grandfather of the subject of this review, married Rachel Blankley, whose father, George Blankley, served as sergeant in Captain Huffman's company, First Regiment of Pennsylvania Riflemen, in the War of 1812.

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WINFIELD S. EVANS





The father of our subject kept up the splendid military record of his family. He enlisted for the Mexican war but was not mustered in in time to see active service. However, in 1862 he joined Company D, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, entering the service as lieutenant and gaining rapid advancement through his period of enlistment, resigning on account of disability with the rank of captain. He had been a resident of Iowa since the year 1845 when he came to Lee county and purchased land. Later he bought government land in Davis county and in 1856 settled in Wayne county, where he took up a claim of four hundred and eighty acres of government land, upon which he resided until his death. He was eminently progressive and public-spirited in his citizenship and for six years was a member of the board of county supervisors. Twice he was a candidate for the office of state representative but was defeated both times. He had extensive fraternal relations, holding membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was also prominent in Masonry, belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery. His death occurred on the 21st of March, 1903. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Sarah Jane Robison, was a daughter of James and Rachel Robison, natives of Morgantown, West Virginia. This family is also of old American foundation but is of Scottish origin, James Robison, an early representative, having been born in Scotland. However, he afterward went to Ireland, where he married and later crossed the Atlantic to America, settling in Virginia prior to the year 1800. The mother of our subject passed away on the 7th of April, 1905.

Winfield S. Evans of this review came to Wayne county with his father on the 13th of April, 1856, and grew up on his father's farm. He acquired a common-school education in Wayne county and began his active career in 1876, when he moved upon one hundred and sixty acres of land in Walnut township which was presented to him by his father. With characteristic energy he carried forward the work of improvement, adding to his holdings from time to time until he was the proprietor of three hundred and sixty acres of fertile and productive land. Because his activities were always progressive and his standards of integrity high his labors were attended with a gratifying measure of success and eventually he was able to retire. In October, 1909, he moved into Seymour, where he has since resided, his useful and well directed work in the past enabling him to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

In 1884 Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Annie Lewis, a daughter of John B. and Susan (McMillan) Lewis, the former a native of England. The paternal branch of this family was founded in America by Mrs. Evans' grandfather, who in early times purchased land in Iowa, locating first in Henry county and then in Wayne county, where he cultivated the soil until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are the parents of six children: Sylvia, who married B. A. Whitmore, who is operating the farm belonging to the subject of this review; David Glenn, a farmer in Wayne county, who married Miss Eupha Fisher; Angie, Hattie, Hiram and Winnifred, all of whom reside at home. The family are devout adherents of the Methodist church.

Mr. Evans gives his allegiance to the republican party, but although active and progressive in all matters of citizenship, never seeks political preferment. In Masonry he has attained a place of distinction, holding membership in the

lodge, chapter and commandery. He stands high in business and social circles of his community, exemplifying in his life the fine qualities of character and the honorable and upright principles which are traditions in his family and which have won for him the respect and confidence of the community.

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#### WILLIAM H. BUCK.

William H. Buck is one of the foremost representatives of agricultural interests in Richman township, Wayne county, where he owns an excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres under high cultivation. Since 1877, in which year he settled in this section, he has successfully followed agricultural pursuits but before that time largely followed his trade, which was that of carpenter and builder, and did important work along this line in the various parts of the country where he resided. Moreover, he deserves special mention as one of those who defended the flag at the time of the Civil war.

Mr. Buck was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, January 21, 1843, and is a son of George and Eva (Bunn) Buck, both natives of Germany who passed away in Hagerstown, Maryland, the father in the year 1878 and the mother in 1870. Their family included the following children: George, residing at Springfield, Illinois; William H., of this review; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; John, of Springfield, Illinois; Mrs. Sophia Fetzer, who died in that state; and Fred, making his home in Springfield, Illinois. All of these children were born in Hagerstown, Maryland, and George, the eldest son, served in defense of his country as member of a Pennsylvania battery during the Civil war.

William H. Buck remained under the parental roof, spending his boyhood in his native city and attending the common schools. On August 8, 1862, he enlisted for service in Company A, Seventh Maryland Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war when he was honorably discharged. He served under Colonel Webster until the latter was elected to congress and later under Colonel Phelps, participating in a number of engagements and distinguishing himself by his courageous conduct. At the close of hostilities he returned to Maryland and there followed the trade of carpenter for one year. Being attracted by the opportunities the western country offered he removed in 1866 to Springfield, Illinois, there following his trade, and a number of the more pretentious structures of that day were partial products of his skill. He engaged as carpenter and builder until his marriage, when he turned his attention to farming, following that occupation in Illinois for three years, at the end of which time he removed to Ulster county, New York, specializing in fruit farming there. The year 1877 marks his advent in Richman township, Wayne county, Iowa, where he has since resided. For the first few years he farmed rented land but by thrift and energy and through progressive methods he was enabled subsequently to buy eighty acres within the township and by perseverance and economy has gradually added one hundred and sixty acres to his original tract until his present farm consists of two hundred and forty acres of fertile land. All of this is under high cultivation, well equipped with such machinery as is necessary to the modern farmer and all highly improved. His sheds and

outbuildings and such barns as are needed for his stock are of the most improved type and his residence is comfortable and modern. Besides mixed farming he is largely interested in stock-raising, specializing along high-class grades.

On the 12th of December, 1868, Mr. Buck was married to Miss Harriet A. Hasbrouck, a native of Highland, New York, born January 12, 1853. In 1859 she removed with her parents to Illinois, settling in Sangamon county, where the father followed farming, being among the early settlers of this section. She belongs to an old American family which traces its ancestry directly back to the Mayflower pilgrims and Mrs. Buck is proud of the possession of an old Ulster county (New York) history wherein her ancestry is authentically recorded. The Hasbrouck family for many generations has been one of the prominent ones of that portion of New York state. Her father was Levi J. Hasbrouck, who was born in Ulster county, New York, September 30, 1830, and died at Highland, New York, February 28, 1903, while her mother was Phoebe Jane (Deyo) Hasbrouck, also a native of Ulster county, born February 15, 1829. She died in Highland, New York, June 11, 1902. While they were residents of Illinois they followed general farming but in New York state specialized along horticulture. In their family were eight children: Mrs. Buck; Angelo, born January 16, 1859, residing in New York; Laura, born June 22, 1860, who passed away in Illinois, February 28, 1861; Jacob J., born April 15, 1862, a resident of Humeston, Iowa; Jennie, born August 1, 1864, who died in infancy; Everetta, born April 10, 1866, who passed away August 18, 1866; Lincoln, who was born February 22, 1868, and died September 27, of the same year; and Mrs. Carrie M. Feeter, a resident of Highland, Ulster county, New York, who was born May 11, 1869. The two eldest members of this family were born in New York state but the younger members were natives of Illinois. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Buck have been born five children: Lizzie, born in Illinois, September 16, 1869, married Frank Williams by whom she has the following children: Fannie, born November 26, 1892; Fay William, January 14, 1895; Fern, December 18, 1898; Lloyd Levi, born in June, 1900; Henry Angelo, April 12, 1902; Evelyn May, May 29, 1909; and William, May 21, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Williams reside in Richman township. Eva May Buck, who was born in Illinois, May 18, 1871, passed away in Richman township at the age of about ten years, her death occurring May 3, 1881. Mrs. Hattie H. Taylor, who was born January 14, 1873, resides in Richman township and is the mother of three children, namely: Jessie Lauretta, born April 26, 1895; Theodore R., born February 25, 1897; and Harriet, July 8, 1904. Mrs. Jennie L. McRae, who is the next in order of birth, was born in Highland, New York, May 23, 1875, and resides in Humeston, Iowa. Her children are: Cecil, born April 5, 1900; Bernita, October 26, 1901; Hattie, May 15, 1904; and Lois, April 1, 1905. William Angelo, the fifth child, was born November 5, 1880, and at the time of the Spanish-American war enlisted in Company C, Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, becoming a member of the camp at Chickamaugua and at Chattanooga. Finally the regiment was sent to Cuba for duty but had only been one night on the ocean when the war was abruptly terminated. Mr. Buck was mustered out in November of that year, when he returned to private life. He takes care of the large home farm of his father in Richman township. All of the children received excellent educations in the acquirement of which they attended public schools in the com-

munity and the Humeston College. All of the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Buck, fourteen in number, were born in Richman township, Wayne county.

Mr. Buck is a republican, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln while in the service of his country. He has always remained true to the principles of his party in war and peace. For three terms he has served as township trustee and since removing to Humeston has served for one term in the city council. His public service has always been distinguished for ready understanding of the issues at hand and has been performed with such faithfulness that it deserves commendation. The family are members of the Congregational church of Humeston and Mr. Buck belongs to the Masonic order, being a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 228, A. F. & A. M., of Humeston, of which his son Angelo is at the present time worshipful master. Both Mr. and Mrs. Buck are members of Radiant Chapter, No. 30, O. E. S., of Humeston, and the latter has served for several terms as worthy matron of that body. Both are charter members of the Eastern Star and Mr. Buck also belongs to the Wayne County Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Humeston, where he meets his comrades of yore who took up arms in defense of the flag. Mr. Buck owns a modern, well furnished home in Humeston where he and his wife enjoy the fruits of their labors, highly respected and esteemed throughout Richman township. Both are studios of mind and fond of reading, possessing an excellent library of choice works. While the wealth of the country is generally estimated in dollars and cents its real riches lie in its having such honorable people as Mr. and Mrs. Buck have proven themselves to be and in the rich heritage which they hand down by their example to the coming generations. Mr. Buck has not only been an interested witness of the changes that have occurred here but has been a helpful factor in the general advancement and while he has attained well deserved prosperity has been a constructive force in the development of this section.

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#### JOHN T. SKIDMORE.

John T. Skidmore is classed among the substantial pioneer settlers of Lucas county, dating his residence here from very early times. He was a young boy at the time of his arrival and as the years have gone by his strong purpose and laudable ambition have gained him a goodly measure of success. He was born in Johnson county, Indiana, January 24, 1845, and is a son of William and America (Leech) Skidmore, the former of whom was born in Henry county, Kentucky, in 1818 and the latter in Indiana in 1820. They came to Lucas county in 1856, among the early settlers, and here the mother passed away in 1880. The father survived her several years, dying in Kansas in 1896. In their family were seven children: Mrs. Sarah McCollum, deceased; Mrs. Melinda Davis, residing in Kansas; Mrs. Harriet Ramsey, who has also passed away; John T., the subject of this review; Mrs. Lucy Jane Mabry, deceased; William, whose home is in Reno county, Kansas; and Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes, of Jackson township. All of these children were born in Indiana and all



were reared in Lucas county, where they attended the schools of the pioneer days.

John T. Skidmore was still a child when he came with his parents to Iowa. The family came overland with horse teams from Indiana to Lucas county, bringing with them thirty head of cattle. They crossed the Mississippi river at Burlington and pushed on into Liberty township, where the father purchased from Mr. Gilpatrick a tract of land upon which they lived for a number of years. Mr. Skidmore of this review grew up among pioneer conditions and can recall many characteristic incidents of pioneer life. He has been ever a close observer and probably no one is more familiar with the history and conditions of the early times in Iowa than he. He can remember the time when the distance between the markets was a serious handicap to trade relations and when the farmers were obliged to take their produce to Burlington or Eddyville. He himself recalls driving many herds of hogs to the latter city, whence they were shipped to the eastern markets. He can tell of the scarcity of money in those days, the rigors of the climate, the danger from Indians, and he can speak interestingly of the intermediate and later phases of development which transformed the state from a frontier wilderness into a prosperous and growing commonwealth. Success has rewarded his active labor through the years and he is now one of the substantial citizens of Lucas county, owning eighty acres of land on section 13, Jackson township, and four acres subdivided into town lots in Lucas, besides a comfortable and attractive home in the latter city.

In 1866 Mr. Skidmore married Miss Adaline Stackhouse, who was born in Janesville, Ohio, in May, 1841. She is a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Crowe) Stackhouse, early settlers in Lucas county. The family came from Wayne county, Indiana, and thence to this section of Iowa after a residence of one year at Drakesville, Davis county. The father followed the blacksmith's trade in Chariton from 1860 until the time of his death in that city in 1883. He was one of the earlier and leading Masons, belonging to the Knights Templar, and was also an influential member of the Odd Fellows. His wife was a native of New Jersey, born in 1812, and she died in Chariton, Iowa, in 1893. In their family were four children: Susan, who died in infancy; William, who served in the Civil war as a captain in the Nineteenth Indiana Battery Corps and who passed away in 1877; Mrs. Angeline Buck, residing at Afton, Iowa; and Adaline, the wife of the subject of this review. To Mr. and Mrs. Skidmore were born nine children: Edwin, who was born August 2, 1867, and died at the age of five months; Lenora, who died at the age of one year; Effie Esther, who died at the age of three years; William S. who was born March 28, 1872, and is now residing at Colfax, Iowa; Mrs. Lulu Peterson, of Lucas county; Allie, deceased; John T., Jr.; George, who passed away in Lucas at the age of eleven years; and O. T., who is employed as a railway mail clerk on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.

Mr. Skidmore gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has proved his public spirit by active official service. He was township trustee for six years and assessor of Jackson township for fourteen years. He was for one term a member of the town council and for six years township assessor, serving also for a time as school director. He was a candidate on the demo-

eratic ticket in two different campaigns for the office of sheriff. Fraternally he is connected with Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 414, A. F. & A. M., of which he is worshipful master, and he is affiliated also with the Yeomen. During more than half a century he has been largely familiar with the history of the county and has an intimate and personal knowledge of the many events which have shaped its history and guided its policies. He is therefore numbered among the pioneer settlers who well deserve a place on the records of the county.

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### CHRISTOPHER C. HAWKINS.

A highly cultivated and valuable farm of one hundred and eighty-seven acres in Jackson township, Lucas county, stands as evidence of the life work of Christopher C. Hawkins, who is classed among the most prosperous agriculturists of his county. Born in Van Buren county, Iowa, March 18, 1872, he came with his parents to Lucas, Iowa, where the family lived until removal was made to the farm in Jackson township, which consists of two portions, one of one hundred and sixty acres and one of twenty-seven acres. The father, Christopher B. Hawkins, is a native of Cornwall, England where he was born September 21, 1832, and still makes his home with our subject. The mother, Mary Ann (Plaster) Hawkins, a native of England, was born October 8, 1831, but was reared in Wales. She passed away in Lucas, August 16, 1906. In their family were five children, of whom four are living, those beside our subject being: Mrs. Grace Loach, of Enterprise, Iowa; Mrs. Carrie Kent, residing in Jackson township; and John W., also a resident of Enterprise.

Christopher C. Hawkins was reared under the parental roof and enjoyed such educational advantages as the neighborhood afforded. He early became acquainted with thorough methods of soil culture and as the years have passed has made his property one of the most valuable in this section. All modern improvements can be found upon the farm, including an up-to-date residence and first-class barns and outbuildings. Following progressive and scientific methods, Mr. Hawkins has attained a success which stands forth as conspicuous.

On January 25, 1897, Christopher C. Hawkins was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Baker, who was born in Jackson township on July 15, 1879. Here she grew to womanhood and received her education. Her parents, John O. and Lavina (Spencer) Baker, were both natives of Indiana county, Pennsylvania, the former born October 12, 1846, and the latter August 15, 1856, the father coming to Iowa in 1857. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are still living, occupying a comfortable residence in Lucas. In their family were the following children: Mrs. Catharine Roberts, born January 30, 1875, a resident of Hiteman, Iowa; William, born July 10, 1877, deceased; Mrs. Hawkins, the wife of the subject of this review; Peter, born April 26, 1881, of Lucas, Iowa; Mrs. Anna Woods, born May 20, 1883, of Jackson township; Carl and Charles, twins, born April 10, 1886, the former of Jackson township and the latter of Creston, Iowa; Noah, born November 26, 1899, also of that city; Albert, born April 12, 1893, who married Miss Irene Evans, a daughter of John and Elizabeth

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(Evans) Evans of Jackson township; and Christopher, born August 15, 1896, of Lucas. Of these, Catharine, Peter and Anna were born in Clarke county, Iowa, but the others are all natives of Jackson township, where all were reared. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins have adopted a son, Lehigh Hawkins, who is attending school.

In his political views Mr. Hawkins is a republican and gives his staunch support to the measures and candidates of that party. Both he and his wife are members of the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints of Lucas and take an active and helpful interest in the work of the organization. Fraternally he is a member of Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 414., A. F. & A. M. All measures and movements inaugurated to promote the public welfare find in him an ardent supporter, and while he has been individually successful, his success has influenced the growth and development of the locality and has been a factor in the general advancement.

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#### JACOB D. PATTERSON.

Widely known along his particular line, Jacob D. Patterson, of Lucas, Iowa, has for the past eighteen years been successfully engaged as commercial salesman and in that capacity travels extensively over the major portion of southern Iowa, having built up a gratifying and representative patronage. Born in Woodfield, Monroe county, Ohio, on April 7, 1852, he is a son of James and Mary (Miller) Patterson, natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, both deceased, the father having passed away in Ohio in 1892 and the mother also having died in that state. In their family were three children: Jacob D., of this review; Wilmer A., secretary of the Loan & Trust Company of Marietta, Ohio; and one who died in infancy.

Jacob D. Patterson was reared under the parental roof and when nine years of age removed with his parents to Coal Run, Washington county, Ohio, where he lived until he reached manhood. His educational advantages comprised a common-school course and attendance at the college at Marietta, Ohio. His father was interested in coal mining and tanning and our subject remained in Coal Run, Ohio, until he was thirty-three years of age, when he removed to Lucas. He later went to Chariton, where he remained for four years, at the end of which period he again came to Lucas and has since resided in this city. For the past eighteen years he has been successfully engaged as nursery salesman but for some time previously also followed railroading. He has been most successful as commercial traveler and as the years have passed has accumulated a gratifying competence.

In December, 1874, Mr. Patterson was married to Miss Sarah J. Murray, who was born in Morgan county, Ohio, in March, 1853, and passed away in Chariton, in August, 1898. Her father was Charles Murray, a veteran of the Civil war, in which he participated as a member of the Ninety-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He passed away in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1863. Her mother, Hannah (Henderson) Murray, was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and died in February, 1899. Their family included: James,

a resident of Eagle Grove, Iowa; William, residing on a farm near Corydon, Iowa; John, who passed away in Chariton in 1886; and Mrs. Patterson. One daughter by a former marriage of the mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Farley Warff, makes her home in New Virginia, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are the parents of four children: Charles, born in 1876, who resides in Illinois; Mrs. Lillie Fuller, whose birth occurred in May, 1880, and who resides in Lucas; Mrs. Maude Lomax, born in 1884, residing in Monroe county, Ohio; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Patterson is deeply interested in historical subjects and has taken great pains in preserving the records of Lucas and of many of the old settlers of this region. He is in possession of a kettle made in Wheeling, West Virginia, in which the grandmother, Mrs. Henderson, prepared many meals for the famous Indian fighter, Louis Wetzel. Although this vessel is considerably older than one hundred years it is still in a very good state of preservation. Mr. Patterson is an omnivorous reader and takes a special interest in all matters pertaining to Lucas and Wayne counties. Politically he is a republican and gives his stalwart support to that party. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are highly regarded and esteemed by all who have come in contact with them.

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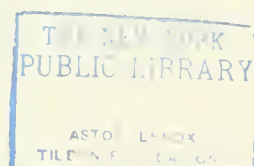
#### JAMES A. HOGUE.

James A. Hogue is one of the representative agriculturists of Benton township, where he owns three hundred and thirty acres of land, which he has developed into one of the valuable properties of the county. He is a native of Wayne county, his birth having occurred in Washington township on the 18th of June, 1858. His father, James Burton Hogue, was born and reared in Vigo county, Indiana, his natal day being February 15, 1830. In his early manhood he crossed the plains to California, making the journey with an ox team soon after the discovery of gold. He there engaged in prospecting for a while and then came back to Indiana, returning by way of South America and New York city. Soon after his return he was married to Miss Persis Jane Knight, who was a native of Illinois, her birth occurring October 12, 1828, but a resident of Indiana at the time of her marriage. In the early days of their married life they came to Iowa, settling in Wayne county, where the father took up a tract of government land located in Washington township about four miles north of his son James' present farm. He there engaged in general farming and stock-raising during the remainder of his active life, meeting with success in his undertakings. He was thrifty and industrious and as the years passed extended the boundaries of his farm until he owned about four hundred acres of land. To Mr. and Mrs. Hogue there were born nine children, as follows: Jasper N., Ardillia, who died at the age of twelve years; James A., our subject; Margaret, who died in infancy; Rosa, Mina and William T., all of whom are unmarried and residing in Wayne county; Lillian, who married S. H. Perkins, of Wayne county; and Sula Jane, who became the wife of Frank Moore, of Wayne county. The parents are both deceased, the father having passed away April 30, 1902, and the mother on the twelfth of April, 1898.



JAMES A. HOGUE AND FAMILY





The early years in the life of James A. Hogue were passed in very much the same manner as those of other pioneer lads reared in the rural sections of Iowa. In the acquirement of an education he attended the district schools, and while engaged in the mastery of the common branches of English learning assisted his father with the cultivation of the farm. He remained at home until his marriage, when he bought eighty-seven acres of land and began farming for himself. His efforts in this direction met with a good measure of success, and as opportunity offered he increased his holdings until his homestead now comprises three hundred and thirty acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. His fields are planted to such crops as in his judgment are best adapted to the soil, and in connection with his diversified farming he raises stock. As the years have passed Mr. Hogue has enhanced the value of his place by the erection of substantial buildings, while he has installed about the premises many modern appliances and conveniences. That he is a man of progressive ideas and enterprising methods is evidenced by the appearance of his well cultivated fields and the condition of his buildings and fences, all of which manifest the exercise of competent supervision and practical management.

On the 19th of March, 1890, Mr. Hogue was married to Miss Rose McMains, a daughter of Leroy and Mary (Bedwell) McMains, natives of Indiana, who subsequently removed to Iowa, locating first in Lucas and then in Wayne county. Here the father engaged in farming and the mercantile business. Mr. and Mrs. McMains were the parents of fourteen children, of whom four are living. To Mr. and Mrs. Hogue there have been born three children: James Leroy, who died in infancy; William Ernest, whose natal day was the 15th of July, 1892, a student at Iowa State College at Ames; and Chester Clare, who was born on the 8th of October, 1894, and is attending school at Corydon, Iowa.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which the parents are members. Mr. Hogue has been township trustee and school director and is a director and stockholder in the First National Bank. In all of these positions he has manifested ability and concern for the public welfare. He is one of the widely known and highly esteemed residents of his township, in the progress and development of which he takes an active interest, extending his indorsement and cooperation to every worthy enterprise or commendable movement.

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#### JOHN A. EVANS.

Commercial as well as public interests have long been ably represented by John A. Evans, who in connection with the J. A. Evans wholesale and retail-commission house occupies an important position in the mercantile life of Lucas county and as member of the city council of Lucas, as town recorder of Jackson township, as justice of the peace and as member of the board of education, has actively and beneficially participated in the government of his home locality. John A. Evans was born in Wales, May 12, 1858, and when only four years of age was brought by his parents to America, who came to this

country in 1862 and first settled at Youngstown, Ohio, where they remained until 1866, when they removed to Galesburg, Illinois, where the father was engaged in mining coal. From Galesburg they subsequently made removal to Bryant, Illinois, and in 1874 they came to this state, settling in Des Moines, where the father engaged in mining. There they remained until 1879, when John A. Evans of this review removed to Lucas, of which he has been a resident since.

His father, John E. Evans, was a native of Wales, in which country he was born in 1837, and died in Lucas in 1906, the mother, Mary Jane (Bevans) Evans, being a native of England, her birth having occurred December 25, 1837, and her death taking place in this county on December 25, 1905. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Evans was celebrated in Wales in 1857. To this union were born nine sons and one daughter, the three eldest natives of Wales and the others of America. The children were as follows: John A., of this review; Richard, deceased; William, of Summerset, Iowa; C. Daniel, of St. Joseph, Missouri; Reece, who passed away in Illinois; Taliesin, residing near Lakonta, Iowa; Thomas, associated in business with our subject in Lucas; Joseph, who died in Des Moines, Iowa; James, deceased; and Mrs. Katharine Turner, of East Pleasant Plain, Iowa.

John A. Evans attended the common schools of Ohio and Illinois in the acquirement of his education and made the several removals from place to place with his parents until he became a resident of Lucas county in 1879. Here he engaged in mining for some time but in 1886 entered the grocery business in Lucas and so continued until 1894. During the '90s, however, he had become also associated with a mining company in Cleveland, Ohio, and during the same time was employed in the general merchandise firm of Warner, Byers & Company of Lucas. He subsequently was connected with the Big Hill Coal Company as traveling salesman and afterward managed the Rochdale Cooperative Store of Lucas, so continuing until 1907, since which time he has been connected with the wholesale and retail commission house of J. A. Evans. The business of the firm is of gratifying proportions and Mr. Evans receives a substantial annual income in return for his efforts. The house deals extensively in vegetables of all kinds and also feed. Its present foremost position among the business houses of the city is largely due to the efforts of Mr. Evans, who brings to his tasks a wide experience gained in connection with a number of enterprises with which he was formerly affiliated and an innate ability which seemed to have predestined him for a commercial career.

On Christmas day of 1881 Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Griffiths, who was born in Wales in August, 1862. She was brought to America by her parents when quite young, the family settling at first in Scranton, Pennsylvania, but in 1879 coming to Lucas county. Her father, John T. Griffiths, and her mother, Elizabeth Griffiths, were natives of Wales, and both passed away in Lucas county. Of their family are still living: Mrs. Maria Miles, of Colfax, Iowa; Thomas, of Lucas; and William John, also of that city. To Mr. and Mrs. Evans were born six children: Mary Jane, deceased; Mrs. Maria Baker, of Hiteman, Iowa; Mrs. Adaline Gill, of Peoria, Illinois; Mrs. Mary Marshall, of Hiteman, this state; Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall, of the same place; and one who died in infancy. Mrs. Evans passed

away on February 8, 1894, and on April 23, 1896, Mr. Evans was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Rose Day (Phillips) Blakemore, who was born at Beacon, Iowa, October 25, 1866, and was reared in that vicinity. Her parents, Isaac and Elizabeth (Davis) Phillips, were natives of Wales, coming to Lucas county at an early date in the history of this section. Both are deceased. Mrs. Evans, by her first marriage, to Mr. Blakemore, had two children: Mrs. Josephine Beitel, of Chariton, Iowa; and Mortimer Blakemore, residing in Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans are members of the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints, the former having joined this organization on January 8, 1892. Deeply interested in all social, religious and public affairs of Lucas, Mr. Evans has always actively participated in the public life of the district and at present serves as member of the city council, while he also has been town recorder and justice of the peace and gives evidence of his interest in the cause of education by having efficiently served for eighteen years on the local board. The family home is one of the handsome residences of Lucas and the gathering point of the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Evans. A successful and substantial man, Mr. Evans has not only encompassed his own prosperity but has been a serviceable factor in the general advancement of Lucas county, and particularly his locality, and the service he has rendered in that respect is worthy of the highest commendation.

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#### THOMPSON D. ASHBY.

For over half a century Thompson D. Ashby has been a resident of Otter Creek township, Lucas county, and for the past thirty-four years he has been a successful agriculturist, stock-raiser and shipper of live stock. A man of acute observation, he has been an interested witness of the changes that have occurred here, and there is hardly another person in the community who can so readily recall all the events that have brought about the present prosperous conditions. He is an interesting conversationalist, who in a ready flow of language can give a complete picture of the last forty years of the county's history, being especially well acquainted with that part concerning western Lucas county.

Born in Montgomery county, Indiana, on April 8, 1854, Thompson D. Ashby accompanied his parents on their overland trip to Iowa, starting on April 10, 1861, and reaching Otter Creek township May 3d of that year. Both of his parents have passed away. The father, William H. Ashby, a native of Kentucky, was born December, 1821, dying in Otter Creek township on April 26, 1875; and the mother, Margaretta (Boyer) Ashby, a native of Pennsylvania, born November 28, 1823, died in the same township on December 30, 1902, in her seventy-ninth year. The latter became a resident of Indiana when a small girl, removing to that state with her parents. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ashby were nine children: Mrs. Elizabeth L. Yenawine, born August 10, 1846, and died in Illinois in March, 1872; Mrs. Mary C. Long, born December 18, 1848, residing at Twin Falls, Idaho; A. C., born July 21, 1850, a

resident of New Market, Tennessee; John B., who was born June 7, 1852 and died in 1870; Thompson D., our subject; Newton B., born July 7, 1856, a resident of Des Moines, this state and for eight years United States consul to Ireland, with residence in Dublin, Ireland, being appointed by President Grover Cleveland; George Lucky, born December 18, 1858, residing at St. Paul, Texas; Lewis S., born September 7, 1861, engaged in general merchandising at Norwood, Iowa; and William E., born February 11, 1864, a resident of Des Moines, where he is interested in the telephone business, with which he formerly was connected in Chariton. The seven oldest children of the family were born in Indiana and the remaining two in Lucas county, Iowa.

Thompson D. Ashby was reared under the parental roof and received such educational advantages as the vicinity afforded, there being but few pupils in the community in the early days when he went to school. At that time the post office was still at Tallahoma and most of the trading had to be done at that place and Chariton. As yet no railroads traversed this section. He early became acquainted with agricultural work, and acquiring the thorough methods of his father laid the foundation of his latter day success. He now owns a valuable farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 26, Otter Creek township, under high cultivation and well improved. All modern equipments and machinery can be found upon the home place. His barns and outbuildings are kept in good repair and his residence is comfortable and commodious. For the past thirty-four years he has divided his attention between farming, stock-raising and the shipping of live stock, and from these occupations has received gratifying returns.

On March 18, 1880, Mr. Ashby was married to Miss Lel L. Pfrimmer, who was born in Indiana on November 10, 1856. Her father George Pfrimmer was born in France on February 19, 1825, and still makes his home with Mrs. Ashby, having passed his eighty-eighth birthday. Her mother, Mrs. Lydia Ann Pfrimmer, who was born in Indiana in 1829, died in Otter Creek township, this county, June 21, 1900. In their family were five children: Charles W., born in 1846, who resides in Mena, Arkansas; Samuel, deceased; Francis M., born in 1850, who resides in Stratton, Nebraska, where for a number of years he has served as postmaster; Mrs. Thompson D. Ashby; and A. C., a resident of Otter Creek township. To Mr. and Mrs. Ashby were born nine children, all of whom are living: Dr. Mary Edith, born March 13, 1881, who practices osteopathy in Texas; Mrs. Iola L. Primm, born November 8, 1882, residing in Otter Creek township; Thompson D., born September 16, 1884, a resident of St. Paul, Texas; George E., born September 15, 1886, residing in Lucas county; Nina M., born April 2, 1889, a school teacher of Lucas county; Lydia M., born May 30, 1891, teaching school in her home district; William H., born December 29, 1893, also teaching school in his native county; Charles F., born April 15, 1896, at home; and Albert Olyn, born December 16, 1899, attending school in the vicinity. All of the children received the best educational advantages. Edith and Nina attended school at Bloomfield and Thompson D., Jr., and George attended Simpson College at Indianola, while Lydia took a course at the Chariton high school.

Thompson D. Ashby preserves independence in regard to political matters and votes for whatever candidate and measure he considers of greatest benefit



under the circumstances. He has efficiently filled the office of assessor of Otter Creek township, and fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Norwood Lodge, No. 490, and is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America as a member of Camp No. 5040 of Norwood. A man well read and well informed, Mr. Ashby is highly esteemed in his community, not only for his material attainments, but for his intellectual accomplishments. He possesses an extensive knowledge on a great range of subjects and is acquainted with the best literature of the present and the past. Of high qualities of character, he is a man who receives the confidence and good-will of all who know him and his standing is high in the community, where he has not only been a witness of the changes that have occurred, but a helpful and cooperant factor in the general advancement.

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### WILLIAM R. PIM.

A member of an old pioneer family of Jackson township, Lucas county, William R. Pim is prominently connected with the agricultural development of this section, owning five hundred and fifteen acres of choice land on sections 3 and 10 in Jackson township and section 34 in Otter Creek township. An elegant and modern home upon his land in Jackson township is evidence of his prosperity and stands as a result of his incessant labor, indefatigable energy and agricultural ability. Born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, on March 24, 1855, his parents were William and Rebecca (Robison) Pim, the former born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1820, and the latter in Franklin county, that state. Both parents have passed away, their deaths occurring in Jackson township, May 12, 1885, and October 12, 1899, respectively. In their family were twelve children, of whom five are living: Mary, who resides on the old home farm in Jackson township; Mrs. Jennie P. Robbins, of Chariton, Iowa; William R., of this review; Frank L., born March 16, 1862, residing on the home farm with his sister Mary; and Mrs. Jessie M. Knotts, of Brashear, Missouri. In 1858, when our subject was but three years old, the family proceeded westward down the Ohio river, going by boat to Cairo, Illinois, and thence up the Mississippi to Alexandria, Missouri, and overland by wagon to Jackson township, Lucas county, where they settled on section 2. This farm has ever since been in the hands of the family and is now owned by F. L. Pim, a brother of our subject, and his sister Mary and known in the district as the Prairie View Farm.

William R. Pim received his educational advantages in Jackson township, where he was brought by his parents when but three years of age. He subsequently assisted his father with the work of the farm and, being well grounded in the details and methods of agriculture, subsequently set out on his own account and by thrift and industry gradually possessed himself of five hundred and fifteen acres of the most valuable land, located on sections 3 and 10 in Jackson township and section 34 in Otter Creek township. He is one of the most successful farmers of his locality and raises live stock to some extent, his farm being particularly adapted for that purpose. His farm is especially

renowned for its feed yards, which are the best in the county, where he prepares his stock for the market, where the highest prices are obtained. The land is all under high cultivation and kept in a good state of productivity by the rotation of crops and scientific methods, his equipment being of the most modern and up-to-date kind. Burns and outbuildings are of the newest type and the family home is commodious and comfortable.

On February 23, 1886, Mr. Pim married Miss Harriet J. Snuggs, who was born in Henry county, Iowa, September 14, 1861, and was reared in Warren county, this state. Her parents were among the early settlers of Lucas county, having made their first home near Last Chance in Union township. Her parents, James and Ann Maria (Hall) Snuggs, were natives of England and both have passed away, the death of the father occurring in Warren county, this state, in 1889, and that of the mother in Lacona, that county, on January 2, 1909. In their family were twelve children: Henry E., of Warren county, this state; Mrs. Pim, the wife of our subject; Amanda, who died at the age of fourteen; Mrs. Martha E. Oxenreider, of Lucas county; Thomas, deceased; Florence, of Newbern, Iowa; John, deceased; Mrs. Olive Hatfield, of Lacona, this state; Mrs. Sadie E. Miller, also of that city; James Z., of Liberty Center, this state; Lewis, who resides in this county; and Samuel, who makes his home in Newbern. Our subject and his wife have four children: Mrs. Martha Sharp, born November 22, 1887, of Galesburg, Illinois; Mrs. Blanche Crow, born June 22, 1889, of Lucas, Iowa; James William, born January 3, 1894, who resides at home and assists his father with the work of the farm; and Sarah, born September 6, 1897, attending high school in Lucas.

Although Mr. Pim is public-spirited and takes a deep interest in the advancement and development of his section, he has not actively participated in the public life of Lucas county. However, he fully recognizes his obligations as an American citizen and gives his vote to the democratic party. He is a forceful element in his home community and has not only been an interested witness of the changes that have occurred as primitive conditions have given way to the onward march of civilization, but has been a helpful and co-operant factor in bringing about the prosperity enjoyed by the present generation.

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#### GEORGE W. SEFRIT.

Since 1900 George W. Sefrit has been engaged in the cultivation of a valuable farm of two hundred and eighty acres of choice land on sections 27 and 31, Otter Creek township. However, quite recently he has disposed of this property to good advantage, acquiring title to eight hundred acres in Ringgold county. On his Lucas county farm he gave especial attention to hog raising, and he is renowned throughout the state for having had one of the finest herds of Poland China hogs on his farm. Following progressive and scientific methods, he attained a success which places him in a class by himself and his prosperity is the more creditable as it has been brought about entirely through his own efforts. Born in Warren county, Illinois, on March 6, 1868, he is a son

of Isaac M. and Annie (McDonald) Sefrit, natives of Davis county, Indiana, where the father was born November 6, 1840, and the mother on October 30, 1841. Isaac M. Sefrit passed away at Chariton, Iowa, but his wife is surviving and makes her home at Carson, this state. In their family were seven children: Mary, who died in Illinois; Mrs. Dora W. Lynn, of Clarke county, Iowa; George W., of this review; Mrs. Amy G. Forney, of Carson, Iowa; Mrs. Ollie M. Cooley, of Chariton, Iowa; Hattie, who passed away at the age of two years; and Mrs. Ruby Tate, also of Chariton. The three eldest children were born in Illinois and the younger ones in Clarke county, Iowa, where they all were reared. In 1869, when our subject was but one year of age, the parents removed from Illinois to Clarke county, Iowa, and there the father followed farming and stock-raising, being successful in his efforts.

George W. Sefrit was reared upon the home farm in Clarke county, attending the schools of the neighborhood in the acquirement of his education. He early began to assist his father with the work of the farm and became well versed in thorough methods of agriculture. He followed this occupation in Clarke county until 1900, when he purchased the farm in Otter Creek township, which he has cultivated until recently. This property comprises two hundred and eighty acres of choice land on sections 27 and 34 and thereon can be found all modern improvements. In 1907 he began to specialize in raising pure-blooded Poland China hogs and had the reputation of having one of the finest droves in the state. At a public sale which took place in February, 1912, in Chariton, Iowa, he disposed of fifty animals which brought him on an average of seventy-five dollars per head. His drove averaged about two hundred a year and he shipped to all parts of the United States. He made rapid strides in this venture, to which he devoted his whole time and attention, and prosperity has attended his efforts. Four well known heads of his drove were: Longfellow Jr., No. 13513; Big Bone Again, No. 61351; Smooth Wonder III, No. 61352; and Miller's Choice, No. 64979. All of his stock was selected of the Big Bone type. His former farm is especially equipped with sheds and buildings to facilitate breeding and he seized every opportunity to make a success of his specialty.

On March 23, 1892, George W. Sefrit was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Hendricks, a native of Kansas, who was born December 20, 1871, her parents being George and Sarah (Harrison) Hendricks. The father was born in Indiana and died in Kansas, the mother also being a native of the former state, passing away in 1874. Both died while Mrs. Sefrit was quite young. Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks were the parents of five children, all of whom are living: James, residing near Topeka, Kansas; Frank, who also makes his home near that city; Mrs. Sarah Manning, of Woodhull, Illinois; Mrs. Jennie Roe, residing near Garden Grove, Iowa; and Mrs. Sefrit, the youngest of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Sefrit became the parents of ten children, of whom one, Alma, died at the age of three years. The others are: Amy, born February 8, 1894; Harley M., born April 5, 1896; Bessie, born June 6, 1898; Frank, born January 25, 1900; Louis H., born January 10, 1902; Anna, born November 8, 1903; Audrey, born April 2, 1905; Vera L., born February 3, 1907; and George W., Jr., born October 23, 1908. The five eldest of the children were born in Clarke county, Iowa, but the younger ones are natives of Lucas

county. All attended the common schools of the vicinity, Amy, the eldest daughter, taking a course at the high school at Chariton.

Mr. Sebrit is a republican in his political affiliations, taking a deep interest in all matters affecting his locality and county, although he has never sought public office. Fraternally he is a member of the Masons, belonging to Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 414, A. F. & A. M., of Lucas, and also a charter member of Jay Lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Sebrit sold his farm in Lucas county and purchased a larger holding of eight hundred acres in Ringgold county, Iowa, receiving thirty-three thousand dollars for the farm, a fact which speaks highly of his efficient management and his effective methods. Actuated by a laudable ambition, he has been carried forward to success by his progressiveness, diligence, energy and ability and his prosperity is well earned and well merited, and will undoubtedly continue in an increased measure in his new venture.

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#### ANNA KING PITTARD.

That the office of county superintendent of schools for Wayne county should be filled by a woman, an office that is of the foremost importance to the county's inhabitants, speaks well for the high ability of the incumbent. Mrs. Pittard, who practically all her life has been engaged in teaching school in various places in this section, was elected in 1910 and in 1912 was reelected to the same office in acknowledgment of her services and as an indorsement of her policies.

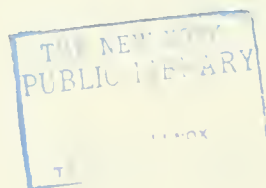
Mrs. Anna King Pittard was born near Bethlehem, Iowa, December 7, 1869, her parents being William and Margaret (Murphy) King, natives of Indiana and West Virginia respectively. She attended district school at Bethlehem until the fall of 1886 when, at the age of seventeen years, she entered the Lineville school of Lineville, Iowa, from which she was graduated with honors under Professor F. E. King in the spring of 1888. Studious of mind, a lover of books and deeply interested in guiding the education of children along the right channel, she naturally embraced the occupation of teaching as a life work and in 1889 entered upon her first position in that connection, teaching school in Fairview district, Union township. She subsequently held various positions in the rural schools of Wayne, Lucas and Clay counties, Iowa, and also taught for several terms in Warren county, Illinois. Feeling the need of a more professional training to obtain even more satisfactory results, from 1892 until 1894 she attended the Hmeston Normal School, an institution which has since become defunct, and later took special studies in Drake University. Mrs. Pittard has in fact never ceased to be a student and in the course of years has become one of Wayne county's most successful teachers.

It was while giving instruction in the village school at Iona, Illinois, that she met George W. Pittard, their acquaintanceship ripening into love and resulting in marriage, the wedding being celebrated in Bethlehem, at the home of her father, on the 10th of March, 1897. The bridegroom had prepared a comfortable home near Ames, Illinois, and there the young married couple started housekeeping, but the happy life to which they looked forward was soon rent



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asunder as the reaper Death entered and claimed the husband and, only four weeks after the marriage ceremony, at the same hour—high noon—Mrs. Pittard saw her beloved one laid to rest. Under such tragic circumstances she became a widow but there were left to her two little sons of a former marriage of her husband, George, Jr., and Guy Pittard, now doubly orphaned, and it was upon them that she bestowed the love of a father and mother.

Subsequently Mrs. Pittard again took up her vocation of teaching, following it for several terms in the rural schools, and at the end of that time secured a position in the Corydon grade school, with which she was connected for ten years. She gave to her work in that direction the best that was in her and many of the children who learned their lessons under her able guidance have preserved for her a warm sympathy through all their later years. She became one of the most forceful and successful teachers in the city and her abilities were widely recognized. On account of ill health she was forced to resign her position. In 1910, however, she was nominated on the democratic ticket for the office of county superintendent of schools and although the democratic party was in the minority in the county she was elected by an overwhelming majority. The service she has rendered in this important office has brought about a direct and visible improvement among the teachers of the county, and this in turn has had a decided influence upon the improvement of the schools and the educational facilities and advantages thereof. In November, 1912, she was re-elected to that position, which stands as an incontrovertible proof that her administration has been efficient and generally acknowledged as such, and she continues in her service greatly to the benefit of all concerned. She brings to her work the same earnestness and enthusiasm that has characterized her during all her life as a teacher and in the long line of county superintendents of schools Mrs. Pittard takes her place among the best and most highly respected.

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#### FRED C. CONRAD.

One of the finest country homes in Lucas county, set in a fertile tract of three hundred and eighty-three acres of choice land in Otter Creek township, bespeaks the prosperity and substantial position of Fred C. Conrad, who since infancy has been a resident of this township, where he has grown to manhood, his interests having been closely connected with the development of this region. A well educated man, he takes a deep interest in the issues and questions of the day as they affect government and general conditions, and is widely respected as one of the best informed men of his community. Born in Mahaska county, Iowa, November 21, 1865, he was brought by his parents to Otter Creek township, Lucas county, in March, 1866, and here the family has since resided, the father following agricultural pursuits with good results. The parents of our subject are R. B. and Maria (Canterbury) Conrad, the former a native of Oswego, New York, and the latter born near Burlington, Iowa. The father's birth occurred January 9, 1823, and that of the mother on November 30, 1839, the latter being one of the first white children born in this state. Both Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Conrad are passing their declining years on the same farm on which

they settled in 1866, highly esteemed and respected by all who know them. The father was the first democrat ever to be elected to a township office in Otter Creek and for twenty-six years held the office of justice of the peace, discharging his duties with fairness and impartiality. In their family were four children: Catharine, born August 13, 1859, who died October 18, 1860; J. F., born May 10, 1860, who attended Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa, and after studying law with an uncle—Judge Conrad, of Des Moines—was admitted to the bar of Iowa in 1885 and is at the present time one of the leading lawyers of Des Moines; Mrs. Emma Gray, born December 10, 1862, a resident of Siebert, Colorado; and Fred C., our subject. J. F. Conrad, of Des Moines—better known as Fitch to his intimate friends—is the well known author of state-wide magazine articles which appear under the caption of "My Views." The two sons of this family were born in Mahaska county, Iowa, and the two daughters in Des Moines county. The mother is one of the oldest living native Iowans and the father, in age, the oldest settler of his township.

Fred C. Conrad was reared under the parental roof and in the acquirement of his education attended the common schools in the vicinity of his father's farm, whom he helped in the work on the homestead in his leisure hours. He is now engaged in the cultivation of three hundred and eighty-three acres of choice land on sections 23, 24 and 27, Otter Creek township, which are equipped with two sets of good improvements. Mr. Conrad has just completed one of the finest country homes in Lucas county—furnace-heated, gas-lighted, with hot and cold running water, and up-to-date in every respect. He takes great pride in his home and recognizes the importance of creating a true home atmosphere so that his children, although living on a farm, may lack nothing that a city affords. For this reason he also has garnered a very complete library, and much of the time the family spend their leisure in literary pursuits.

On March 19, 1893, Mr. Conrad was married to Miss Margaret L. Bangh, who was born in Warren county, Iowa, on February 21, 1869. Her father, J. F. Bangh, a native of Hendricks county, Indiana, died in Lucas county in 1908, and her mother, Margaret Jane (Breen) Bangh, was born at Ladoga, Indiana, on April 19, 1831, and died February 26, 1900. They came to Warren county, Iowa, about fifty years ago, making the trip overland. In their family were seven children: Effie A., deceased; Mrs. Jennie Rubel, born May 11, 1864, at Indianola, Iowa; Mrs. Mollie Amos, deceased; Orrin T., deceased; Mrs. Fred C. Conrad; Mrs. Martha Ellen Good, of Milo, Iowa; and Mrs. Ada B. Rogers, who resides at Fullerton, California. The two eldest children were born in Hendricks county, Indiana, and the younger ones in Warren county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad have four children, all of whom were born in Otter Creek township: Vivian Inez, born March 30, 1894, and attending high school in Chariton; Margaret Marie, born September 22, 1899, who is attending the common schools in the vicinity of her father's farm; Gretchen Willa, born June 8, 1904; and Ralph Burdette, born December 27, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad, recognizing the value of a good education, give their children the best advantages that can be obtained, and in their home help in any possible way to improve the opportunities through books and study. Mrs. Conrad has taught school for five terms in her own home and her sister, Mrs. Rogers, has the remarkable record of having taught for fifty terms.

Politically Mr. Conrad is a democrat and fraternally a member of Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 414, A. F. & A. M., of Lucas; and Camp No. 5040, M. W. A., of Norwood, serving at the present time as clerk of the latter. Both Mr. and Mrs. Conrad are highly esteemed and respected for their substantial qualities of character and are a valuable addition to the community, not only from a material point of view, but from the standpoint of intellectuality and morality.

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### FERMAN E. GRAY.

The death of Ferman E. Gray on August 14, 1908, removed from the agricultural stage of Lucas county a man who was standing in the midst of active life, launched upon a successful career. Although he was but thirty-eight years of age at the time of his demise, he had already attained a recognized position among the substantial farmers of the county and was readily recognized as a leader in agricultural matters, for he was a man imbued with the modern spirit who would promote development and advancement. Born near Milo, Warren county, Iowa, on March 10, 1870, he came to Lucas county with his parents and resided with them on the home farm until his death. His parents were J. S. and Elizabeth (Devore) Gray, natives of Indiana and Kentucky respectively, the former of whom passed away in Jackson township, this county, in March, 1912, the latter preceding him in death in October, 1902, her demise occurring in the same township. Of their seven children, four are living, as follows: Fountain, of Colorado; William, of Kansas; Mrs. Boston, of White Breast township; and Jacob, of Kansas.

Ferman E. Gray was reared under the parental roof and received his education in the district schools near the farm. Early he became acquainted with thorough agricultural methods, assisting his father in his work, and gradually more and more of the operation of the farm fell to his lot. On his demise he left eighty acres of fertile land on section 1, Jackson township, to his family, his wife deriving therefrom a comfortable income.

On March 27, 1904, Mr. Gray was united in marriage to Miss Effie M. Snuggs, who was born in Otter Creek township, Lucas county, Iowa, on December 1, 1868, having always remained a resident of this section. Her parents are S. G. and Adaline (Jenkins) Snuggs, the former a prominent farmer of Lucas county, where he has resided since 1862. He was born near London, England, March 2, 1845, and coming to the United States in 1850 with his mother, settled first in Henry county, Illinois, there remaining until removal to Lucas county was made. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Gray were Joseph and Harriet (Stent) Snuggs, natives of England, born in 1808 and 1809 respectively, who died in Lucas county, the grandfather on January 6, 1889, and the grandmother on July 31, 1898. Mrs. Adaline Snuggs, the mother of Mrs. Gray, was born in Brown county, Indiana, October 27, 1848, coming with her parents to Lucas county in 1851. The latter were Alexander and Elizabeth Jenkins, natives of Ohio and Kentucky respectively, the former of whom died in White Breast township, this county, and the latter still residing in Hamburg, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Snuggs became the parents of ten children, of

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whom one, John, the second in order of birth, is deceased. The others are: Mrs. Effie Gray, the wife of our subject; James, of Chariton; Fannie, of Rocky Ford, Colorado; Charles, residing at home; Mrs. Amanda Roberts, of White Breast township; Jacob, of Otter Creek township; Mrs. Estella Ruble, of Liberty township; and Ethel and Earl, who reside on the Snuggs family homestead. Mr. Snuggs is one of the foremost men of Otter Creek township, being widely renowned as a successful live-stock raiser. Mr. and Mrs. Ferman Gray were the parents of one son, Lester R., born January 27, 1905, who is now attending school.

Mr. Gray always took a deep interest in the affairs of his county and efficiently served as road supervisor and school director, being especially interested in the good roads movement and the cause of education. Fraternally he was a member of the Yeomen, belonging to the lodge at Lucas. A member of one of the early pioneer families of Lucas county, it was his father who plowed the first furrow where Chariton now stands and there he was located before the first shanty was erected. The father also burned the brick for the first courthouse ever erected in Lucas county. The untimely death of Ferman E. Gray was a matter of deep regret to his many friends and acquaintances, who esteemed him for his warm-hearted kindness, his open-heartedness and his many other high qualities of mind and character. A good husband and father, he left his family well provided for and his memory is fresh in the minds of those dear to him.

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#### ROBERT O. MILLER.

The activities of Robert O. Miller have indeed been helpful in the development of Lucas county, for he is not only one of the foremost agriculturists of his locality and one of the most renowned breeders of live stock of the county, but has also interested himself along other lines, having successfully served as justice of the peace, township clerk, member of the school board and Sunday school superintendent of his church. A farm of seven hundred acres on sections 15, 21 and 23, Otter Creek township, stands as proof of his practical application of labor and by its appearance bespeaks the prosperity of its owner.

Robert O. Miller was born in Mason county, Illinois, on September 28, 1861, and when but seven years of age removed with his parents to Otter Creek township, Lucas county, where settlement was made on a farm near Norwood. His father was William Miller, who was born in County Armagh, Ireland, on the 13th of July, 1833, and died in Norwood, Iowa, in March, 1901. His family was decided in making removal to the United States by the precarious living conditions existing in the Emerald isle at that time and thus it was that William Miller became a substantial and prominent American citizen. His wife was Diantha Ames, a native of Illinois, who still resides in Norwood at the age of eighty years, making her home with our subject. In their family were seven children, of whom three are still living: Robert O., of this review; J. S., born December 13, 1865, who also resides in Otter Creek township; and Mrs. Della



E. Clore, born November 24, 1868, of Otter Creek township. The brother of our subject is a native of Illinois, and the sister of Norwood, this state.

Coming to Otter Creek township when but seven years of age, Robert O. Miller received his education in this district in Simpson College, Indianola, and early assisted his father with the work of the farm, laying the foundation for his later success. As the years have passed prosperity has come to him and he is now one of the largest landowners of his locality, holding title to seven hundred acres on sections 15, 21 and 23. All his land is made use of and much of it is under high cultivation, his improvements being of the most substantial kind. Some of the best farm buildings in the county can be found upon the farm and modern equipments and implements facilitate the labor and contribute to the productivity of the soil. His barns are splendidly equipped, his granaries and sheds for the housing of grain and stock substantial, and he has recently erected one of the most commodious, up-to-date farm dwellings to be found in this neighborhood. An important branch of Mr. Miller's work is stock-raising. He is renowned throughout Lucas county as a most extensive breeder of blooded horses, in which he largely deals, buying and selling, specializing in Clydesdales and Percherons. He also raises Welsh ponies and has a fine herd of pure-blooded shorthorn cattle and high-grade Poland China hogs. His efforts along all these lines have been remarkably effective, as he follows the most progressive and scientific methods and gives his attention to his work with unflagging industry and energy.

On January 1, 1890, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Amy Puderbaugh, who was born in Warren county, Iowa, December 25, 1868. Her parents, Andrew and Elizabeth (Wagner) Puderbaugh, were early settlers of Warren county, where Mrs. Miller was reared. The father, who was born in Elkhart county, Indiana, died in Warren county at the age of sixty-eight years, the mother, a native of Ohio, also being deceased, her death occurring in that county at the age of forty-four. In their family were seven children: Mrs. Minerva Vincent, a resident of Warren county; William, of Missouri; D. L., of Warren county; Charles, also of that county; Mrs. Robert O. Miller; Mrs. Sadie Barlett, of Osceola, Iowa; and Alonzo, who cultivates the old homestead in Warren county. All of these children were born and reared in Warren county. The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born in Otter Creek township and are as follows: John Worth, born January 4, 1891, who received a common-school education, supplementing the same with a course in Simpson College of Indianola, and is now assisting his father with the work of the farm; Ralph Olin, born February 24, 1895, attending high school at Chariton, Iowa; and Hildreth Marie, born October 24, 1900, attending local school.

It is not surprising that a man of the ability of Mr. Miller should have been called to public office, his qualities well fitting him for important positions of that kind. For a number of years he served as justice of the peace, rendering his decisions with such fairness and impartiality that high commendation has come to him on that account. He also held the office of township clerk and has given evidence of his interest in the cause of education by doing efficient service as member of the local school board. Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church of Norwood, of which they are members and in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest, Mr. Miller at

present serving as Sunday school superintendent. His fraternal connections extend to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as he holds membership with Norwood Lodge, No. 490, and the Modern Woodmen of America, and he is on the roster of Norwood Camp, No. 5040. The splendid success Mr. Miller has achieved none can begrudge him, for it has been attained without outside help and is but the outcome of his own ability, efficiency, industry and energy. He has become a forceful element in his locality, where he enjoys the high regard and confidence of all who value a man for what he has attained and for the qualities of his character which have made possible that attainment.

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#### LEWIS S. ASHBY.

Lewis S. Ashby, who for a number of years has been connected with agricultural and mercantile interests in Lucas county, is a native of Otter Creek township, where he was born on September 7, 1861. His parents had come in the same year from Indiana to Iowa, settling in Otter Creek township in May, 1861, and there the father followed farming and stock raising. Natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania respectively, William H. and Margaretta (Boyer) Ashby were among the early settlers of this section, the father, who was born in December, 1821, passing away in Otter Creek township on April 26, 1875, and the mother, born November 28, 1823, dying in the same township on December 30, 1902. In their family were nine children: Mrs. Elizabeth L. Yenawine, born August 10, 1846, who died in Illinois in March, 1872; Mrs. Mary C. Long, born December 18, 1848, a resident of Twin Falls, Idaho; A. C., born July 21, 1850, who resides in New Market, Tennessee; John B., born June 7, 1852, who died in 1870; Thompson D., who for the past thirty-four years has engaged in farming and stock raising in Otter Creek township; Newton B., born July 7, 1856, a resident of Des Moines, Iowa, and formerly United States consul to Ireland with residence in Dublin, Ireland, an appointment which he held under the presidency of Grover Cleveland for eight years; George Lucky, born December 18, 1858, who makes his home in St. Paul, Texas; Lewis S., of this review; and William E., born February 11, 1864, who is connected with the telephone company in Des Moines and was formerly engaged in the same business in Chariton, Iowa. The seven eldest children were born in Indiana and the two youngest in Lucas county.

Lewis S. Ashby was reared under the parental roof and in the acquirement of his education attended the common schools in the vicinity of his father's farm and took a four years' course at Simpson College of Indianola, Iowa. Of studious mind and well fitted for the profession, he then followed school teaching for about six years in Iowa and Nebraska and then engaged in farming, being well qualified for this occupation by his early training under his father's guidance. In 1901 he engaged in the general merchandise business at Norwood, Iowa, and has ever since conducted an establishment of this kind there. Following progressive methods, his business has increased from year to year and he now enjoys an extensive patronage. He carries complete lines of stock and as his prices are in conformity with the quality of his goods, does a large trade.

Mr. Ashby gives his general allegiance to the republican party, although he reserves independent judgment on local issues, giving his support to such candidates and measures as he deems most fitted for the office irrespective of party affiliation. Public-spirited and progressive, he has himself actively participated in the public life of his locality and has held a number of local offices. His faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member, taking an active and helpful interest in its affairs. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Norwood Lodge, No. 490, and he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen lodge of the same place. Moreover he carries a membership in the Brotherhood of American Yeomen at Des Moines, Iowa. The career of Mr. Ashby is proof of the fact that success is but ambition's answer and the substantial position which he has attained is well earned and well merited. He is a forceful element in his community and by his labors has not only promoted his individual success but has largely contributed to general advancement and development.

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#### JOHN H. PRIMM.

A native of Lucas county, John H. Primm is the owner of eighty fertile acres in Otter Creek township and also cultivates the family farm of two hundred and eighty acres. He was born in the same township on February 19, 1878, his parents being Thomas N. and Adelia (Perrine) Primm, the father a native of Athens, Illinois, where he was born March 24, 1844, and now a resident of Chariton, Iowa, and the mother a native of Ohio who passed away in Otter Creek township in June, 1895. They settled in Otter Creek township in 1870. In their family were five children, of whom Anna died at the age of five years. The others are: Mrs. Mattie Lovell, born August 1, 1865, a resident of Holden, Missouri; Mrs. Nina Kelley, born February 13, 1873, residing in Otter Creek township; William Newton, born in the same township on January 14, 1875, and residing in Lakeland, Nebraska; and John H., of this review.

John H. Primm has always been a resident of Otter Creek township, where he was reared and grew to manhood. In the acquirement of his education he attended the common schools of his locality and early became acquainted with agricultural methods under the guidance of his father. Setting out of his own accord, he has acquired eighty acres of land in Otter Creek township, well improved and equipped with all modern machinery. Since the retirement of the father from active farm work in 1900, when the latter moved to Chariton, he has also had entire charge of the management of the home farm a valuable property of two hundred and eighty acres.

On March 1, 1903, Mr. Primm was married to Miss Lola L. Ashby, a native of Otter Creek township, who was born November 8, 1882. She has been a resident of this locality ever since her birth and has many friends here who highly esteem and respect her. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Thompson D. Ashby, of whom extended mention is made in another part of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Primm have four children, all of whom were born on the old family homestead. They are: Ardys Marjorie, born January 2, 1904; Eleanor Janice,

born March 22, 1906; John Gerald, born September 24, 1907; and Annie Adelia Lel, born March 30, 1909. The older children are attending public school in the vicinity.

Broad and liberal-minded, Mr. Primm takes an active interest in the public life of his community, serving at present as a member of the township board of trustees. He is also a warm champion of the cause of education and for eight years has served as a member of the school board. Mrs. Primm is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and her husband affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his membership being with Norwood Lodge, No. 490. Although yet a young man, Mr. Primm has become recognized as one of the substantial agriculturists of his locality and enjoys the high regard and confidence of all with whom he comes into contact.

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#### JOHN W. KENT.

A native of Illinois, John W. Kent was brought to Jackson township, Lucas county, in March, 1869, when two years of age, and here he has since resided, attaining to prosperity and becoming one of the foremost agriculturists of his district, now owning three hundred and thirty acres of fertile land on sections 20, 21 and 17, Jackson township, all under high cultivation and well improved. Born in Maywood, Cook county, Illinois, on March 9, 1867, John W. Kent, is a son of William and Anna (Wherrett) Kent, natives of England, the former of whom passed away in Jackson township while the latter still resides in Lucas, Iowa. In the family were two sons: Charles, born in Salem, Ohio, and now a resident of Jackson township; and John W. of this review.

In March, 1869, Mr. and Mrs. William Kent settled in Jackson township, taking up land, the father following the occupation of farming until his demise. Our subject in the acquirement of his education attended the common schools of the township and in his leisure hours and vacations ably assisted his father in the work on the home place, becoming thoroughly acquainted with the best methods of agriculture. As the years passed prosperity came to him as a result of his incessant labors, his natural ability, good judgment and perseverance, and he now owns a splendid farm, comprising three hundred and thirty acres, unusually well improved with barns and outbuildings and a comfortable residence. His progressiveness is further shown by the fact that he has a private electric plant. Beside general farming he gives a good deal of attention to stock-raising, specializing in Hereford cattle, of which he has a fine herd. Enterprising and up-to-date, he follows the latest methods and his property stands today as a proof of their efficacy and a monument to his industry.

On March 1, 1888, Mr. Kent was united in marriage to Miss Addie Thomas, and to this union was born one daughter, Ethel, the date of whose birth was February 18, 1889, and who is married and resides in Ward, Iowa. On November 19, 1891, Mr. Kent was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Dora (Carson) McLaughlin, who was born in Clark county, Iowa, on May



MR. AND MRS. JOHN W. KENT





9, 1866, widow of John McLaughlin, who died September 19, 1887. To Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin one child was born, William Otis, whose birth occurred December 22, 1886. Her parents, A. C. Chame and Sarah (Abrams) Carson, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively, were among the earliest settlers of Clarke county. The father still resides in Woodburn, Iowa, but the mother passed away in 1904 near that place. In their family were twelve children, of whom nine are living: John, residing near Woodburn, Iowa; Mrs. Elizabeth Black, of Des Moines; Thomas, a resident of North Dakota; Mrs. John W. Kent; Harry, who makes his home near Woodburn, Iowa; Mrs. Martha Kaufman, of Greenfield, Iowa; Byron W., residing in South Dakota; Alta, who makes her home near Woodburn; and Mrs. Elsie Heston, who makes her home near that city. All of their living children were born and reared in Clarke county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Kent gave practical evidence of their kindness of heart in the care which they bestowed upon Velma Carson, an orphan child, whom they took when she was one year old and whom they reared and educated. She remained with them until her marriage. She is now the wife of Mr. Noah Baker, who is an employe of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and they make their home at Creston, Iowa.

Politically Mr. Kent is a republican, giving his steadfast adherence to the measures and candidates of that organization. A public-spirited man who takes an interest in his locality, he has for six years, or two terms, served as a member of the board of supervisors of Lucas county and has done efficient service in that connection. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church, and fraternally he is a member of Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 414, A. F. & A. M., of Lucas, and also of the Yeomen, while formerly he was affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America. A self-made and conspicuously successful agriculturist, Mr. Kent enjoys the esteem and respect of his fellows, not only for having wrought out for himself a substantial position, but on account of the qualities of his character which have made his success possible, and on account of the work he has done on behalf of promoting general advancement.

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#### A. S. EVANS.

For many years A. S. Evans was classed with the honored and representative citizens of Lucas county and was closely associated with its agricultural development, transforming two hundred and forty acres of land which belonged to his wife, into one of the finest farms in this section of the state. He took an active and helpful interest in many measures that were factors in promoting public progress and he was also known as one of the exemplary representatives of the Masonic fraternity. In fact his life was one of useful and honorable activity. He was born in Knox county, Illinois, June 13, 1847, his parents being Joshua Brown and Georgiana (Crawford) Evans, the former a native of Hartford, Connecticut, born in 1824, while the latter's birth occurred in Scotland. The parents were among the early pioneers of Knox county, Illinois, and there the father passed away at Knoxville in 1871, his wife surviving

him and residing on the old home farm in Knox county. The grandfather of our subject accompanied by Thomas and Joshua Evans came to America from England at the beginning of the Revolutionary war and all three enlisted in the American army. In Joshua B. Evans' family were eleven children, all born in Illinois: A. S., of this review; George W., a resident of Lucas, who was born November 14, 1848, and who for the past twenty years has been assessor of Jackson township, Lucas county; Mary, who makes her home with her mother in Knoxville and who for thirty years has taught school in Illinois; Ernest, of Woodburn, Iowa; Eliza, deceased; William C., who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Margaret, of Hartford, Connecticut; J. D., deceased; Anna, of Galesburg, Illinois; Ellen, of Knoxville, Illinois; and a daughter who died in infancy.

A. S. Evans was reared under the parental roof in Knox county and in the acquirement of his education attended the schools in the neighborhood of his father's farm. Early he became acquainted with the methods of agriculture and in 1873 came to Iowa, seeking the advantages of a naturally rich but as yet sparsely settled country. Jackson township, Lucas county, witnessed his life's labors until his death and there he attained prosperity, becoming the owner of a valuable farm of five hundred and thirty-four acres, which he gradually brought to a high state of cultivation. Following up-to-date methods he made high-class improvements and installed such equipment as is considered indispensable to modern agriculture, leaving to his family a property which yields a gratifying annual income.

On November 9, 1868, while yet in Illinois, A. S. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Woods, who was born in Highland county, Ohio, February 7, 1849. She was taken to Knoxville, Illinois, when a small child by her parents and was there reared to womanhood. Accompanying her husband to his Iowa farm in 1873 she has since made this state her home. Her parents were John and Susan (Wilkins) Woods, natives of Ohio, the former of whom passed away in Illinois and the latter in her native state. In their family were two sons and a daughter, as follows: Henry, who died in Clarke county, Iowa; Mrs. A. S. Evans; and Jesse, a resident of Adair county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Evans became the parents of eight children: Mrs. Anna Ellen Marquis, a native of Henry county, Iowa, who resides in Clarke county, this state; Mrs. Margaret Carson, of Clarke county; Mrs. Emma Spencer, of Jackson township, this county; Bert, a resident of Jackson township; Floyd, of Clarke county; George, of Jackson township; Olive, who makes her home with her mother; and Earl, who ably assists his mother in the management of the home farm. All of the children were reared in this township.

For a number of years A. S. Evans acted as trustee of the township board, giving by his efficient service evidence of his public-spirited citizenship. Always taking a deep interest in the cause of education, he also filled the position of local school director for some time. Fraternally he was a member of Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 414, A. F. & A. M., of Lucas, and exemplified in his life the beneficent spirit of the order. Mrs. Evans still owns the highly cultivated home farm. The years have proved the worth of the labors of Mr. Evans who, making wise use of time and opportunities, became one of the substantial members of his community, yet more than that was a serviceable factor

in the general advancement and development of Lucas county, especially along agricultural lines. His memory still remains enshrined in the hearts of many as that of a good and kindly man who endeavored to fulfill life's obligations to his best ability. All who knew him bear testimony of his high character and of the principles of uprightness and honor which governed his life. The circle of friends which he left behind him is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance, for he possessed qualities which endeared him to all who knew him.

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#### AUGUST T. SWANSON.

There are many who, taking pessimistic views of life, think that the country is given over to the commercial spirit and that the religious element is diminishing. The life history of such a man as August T. Swanson stands to the contrary. His profession is that of telegraphy, but he finds many leisure hours to devote to the task of making the world better, being a licensed minister of the Baptist church. He holds the position of telegraph operator at Troy and is one of the native sons of Lucas county, his birth having occurred in White Breast township, September 9, 1877. There he was reared to manhood, spending his youthful days on the old home farm in White Breast township belonging to his father, A. J. Swanson, a native of Sweden. Coming to America, he won for himself a most creditable position among the successful and highly respected citizens of Lucas county. He married Christina Johnson, also a native of Sweden and a daughter of Eric Johnson, who was born in Sweden, March 2, 1822, and became one of the pioneer settlers of Lucas county, Iowa, making his home in White Breast township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Swanson were born eight children: Albert, a resident of Sisseton, South Dakota; Gus, who makes his home northeast of Chariton, Iowa; August T., of this review; Oscar F., who was born January 24, 1880, and is residing in Lucas; Mrs. P. R. Bristol, a resident of Montpelier, North Dakota; Harvey, whose home is north of Chariton; Hattie, who is residing with her mother on the old home farm in White Breast township; and Arthur, who was born January 12, 1893, and is cultivating the old homestead. The eldest child was born in Chariton, the seven younger in White Breast township and all were reared upon the farm there.

The usual experiences of the farm boy came to August T. Swanson, who divided his time between the work of the fields and the duties of the schoolroom. After leaving the common schools he entered the Iowa Business College at Des Moines and studied telegraphy. He was first employed in the office of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company at Chariton and in 1901 he became a telegrapher for that road at Union Switch and afterward went to White Breast, where he remained for six months. He then located at Troy, where he is telegraph operator for the same road.

About four years ago Mr. Swanson began to study for the ministry and is at present doing evangelistic work in connection with his duties as telegraph operator. Each year he spends his vacation in that way. He is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, in which he has completed two courses.

and is now a licensed evangelist of the Baptist church. He is widely known in Chariton and throughout the county and all who are acquainted with him speak of him in terms of the highest regard. He has a most clean record for business integrity and uprightness and is a genial, earnest gentleman who possesses the courage of his convictions. In his Christian work he has been found to be an able, earnest speaker and one whose zeal inspires and encourages others.

Mr. Swanson was married in 1904 to Miss Mary Alice Powell, who was born April 1, 1877, and was reared to womanhood in Lucas county, attending the public schools of Chariton, after which she began teaching, being connected at different times with the schools of Lucas and of Chariton. Her father, James Powell, is now deceased, but her mother, Mrs. Martha (Fletcher) Powell, is residing in Chariton. In their family were five children, of whom three are living: Emma, who is with her mother in Chariton; Mrs. Florence Malone, of Charles City, Iowa; and Mrs. Swanson. One son and one daughter are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Swanson have become the parents of a son, Donald Odell, born in Chariton, January 14, 1910. Like her husband, Mrs. Swanson is an active worker in the Baptist church. It is his intention soon to take up evangelistic work altogether, his reading and studies being directed to that end. He now has a choice library filled with literature of the best kind, and his reading is constantly broadening a mind which has already made its own many of the important thoughts that have been penned by writers of earlier days. Lucas county is proud to number him among her native sons, for his work is being attended with excellent results and his high moral courage marks him as a man who will accomplish great good in the world.

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#### ELI JAMES BENWAY.

Eli James Benway has since 1881 conducted a profitable blacksmith shop in Norwood, Lucas county, where he is widely and favorably known for his sound business principles, his honest dealing, his reliability and his genial and pleasant disposition, which leads him to readily make friends. He was born in Essex county, New York, on January 1, 1848, a son of Eli Willard and Charlotte (Monty) Benway, natives of New York, the former being born in 1827 and the latter in 1832. In 1858 the family removed to Vermont, where the father followed the occupation of blacksmith. In that state the mother died in 1859 and from there the father enlisted for service in the Civil war in 1862 with the Eleventh Vermont Volunteer Infantry, belonging to the Sixth Army Corps, remaining in the field for the term of his enlistment. At the end of that period he returned home but subsequently reenlisted, doing valiant service until the close of the war. The father passed away in Kansas in 1892. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Eli W. Benway were three sons, all natives of New York, as follows: Eli J., of this review; Wallace, a resident of Huntington, Vermont; and Henry C., who makes his home in Illinois. All three are blacksmiths.

Eli J. Benway was reared under the parental roof and received his education in New York and Vermont, making removal with the family to that state



in 1858. There he learned the blacksmith's trade from his father, remaining until 1868, when he came to Illinois, where he made another stay of ten years, coming in 1878 to Chariton, Iowa, where he conducted a shop near the present site of the Inland Coal Company's plant. The year 1881 marks his arrival in Norwood, where he has since followed his trade with conspicuous success. His shop is well and modernly equipped and he engages in general blacksmithing and repair work and as he deals fairly and squarely with his patrons, has built up a valuable and extensive patronage which brings him gratifying returns. He has become a substantial man of his community and is very popular with the public.

In December, 1868, Mr. Benway was married to Miss Maria Richman, who was born in Peoria, Illinois, on December 7, 1850, and was reared there. Her parents were Bryan and Ann (Colby) Richman, both natives of England, the latter being born in Lincolnshire. The father died in Otter Creek township, this county, the mother preceding him in death, passing away in Peoria, Illinois, in 1854. In their family were three children: Mrs. Benway; Luey, who died at the age of two years; and William, also deceased. All were natives of Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. Benway were born six children, of whom Addie, the second in order of birth, died at the age of two weeks. The others are: Walter, born in October, 1870, a resident of Otter Creek township; Mrs. Lona Boston, born January 17, 1874, residing in Jackson township; Harry, born May 19, 1878, of Allerton, Iowa; Mrs. Della Wright, born December 17, 1880, of Chariton, Iowa; and Mrs. Grace Poush, born January 22, 1882, of Otter Creek township. The three eldest of the family were born in Illinois and the remainder in Iowa.

Mr. Benway affiliates with the democratic party, keeping well informed upon all public issues. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Norwood, to which she gives her moral and material support, and he is a member of Norwood Lodge, No. 490, I. O. O. F. He owns a comfortable residence, set in two acres of land, on which also is located his blacksmith shop. Both he and his wife enjoy the highest confidence and respect of the community, in which they have made many friends during a residence extending over thirty years.

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#### SYDNEY P. HOWARD.

In a twofold manner Lucas county has profited by the activities of Sydney P. Howard, who not only has raised agricultural standards, being one of the substantial farmers of his locality, but for thirty years has been connected with the cause of education as teacher and member of the school board in Lucas and Clarke counties. A native of Newton county, Missouri, he was born on July 24, 1850, his parents being Henry C. and Cynthia Ann (Bonner) Howard, both of whom were born near Bowling Green, Kentucky, the former on April 11, 1811, and the latter on February 3, 1812. The parents remained in Missouri until 1863, when removal was made to Warren county, Illinois, where they resided until 1866, when they came to Lucas county. They were

among the earlier families to settle here, the father following agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred only one year after settlement was made here, September 7, 1867. The mother survived him nearly forty years, passing away in Lucas county on June 5, 1906. In their family were nine children, of whom five are living. Those deceased are: Mrs. Julia Lowder, born September 23, 1833; Mrs. Melinda Jane Lowder, born December 25, 1837; Elizabeth Ellen, born May 27, 1839, who died January 18, 1889; and Cynthia Livona, born August 25, 1844, who died January 10, 1848. The living children are: John M., born June 20, 1836, a resident of Waynesburg, Pennsylvania; William Henry, born September 5, 1840, residing in Creston, Washington; Mrs. Paralee F. Brinegar, born February 24, 1848, residing in Otter Creek township; Sydney P., of this review; and George Washington, born May 27, 1853, who makes his home in Berkeley, California. Of their nine children the two eldest were born near Bowling Green, Kentucky, the next following three in Illinois and the remainder in Missouri.

Sydney P. Howard began his education in the schools near his father's farm in Newton county, Missouri, and in 1863 accompanied his parents to Warren county, Illinois, where he continued his education. There remaining until 1866, he then came to Lucas county, where he has since resided. He has been prominently and closely connected with the cause of education in this district from pioneer times and there are many who are indebted to him for their instruction in Lucas and Clarke counties, where he taught school for thirty terms. He now gives his attention largely to his valuable farm of four hundred and seventy-seven and a half acres located on sections 28, 29 and 33 of Otter Creek township, although he still serves as secretary of the local school board, a position which he has efficiently filled for the past thirty years. His farm is under high cultivation, yielding bountiful harvests, and good improvements have been made upon the land. The residence is located on section 28 and, commodious and comfortably furnished, represents an ideal farm home. Outbuildings and barns are in the best of repair and the most modern equipment and implements were instituted to facilitate farm labor and increase the productivity of the soil. His energetic and industrious efforts have been crowned with success and he is today considered as one of the substantial men of his locality.

On November 9, 1887, Mr. Howard was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Lavilla Penick, who was born in Noble county, Indiana, July 17, 1864, and came with her parents to Lucas county in 1878. Her parents were Samuel and Eliza (Fisher) Penick, the former born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on May 26, 1842, and the latter in Holmes county, that state, on May 28, 1813. Both are still living, making their home on a farm in Otter Creek township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Penick became the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Sydney P. Howard is the eldest. The others were: William Sherman, who died in infancy; John L., deceased; Nathan W., of Otter Creek township; Mrs. Florence Curtis, deceased; and Mrs. Ruby Anderson, of Warren county, this state. All of the children were born in Indiana with the exception of the youngest, who is a native of Lucas county. Mr. and Mrs. Howard became the parents of eleven children, all of whom were born in Otter Creek township. They were: Ina Ethel, born December 14, 1888, who died December

15, 1893; Charles Earl, born May 10, 1890, who died December 8, 1893; Mrs. Elsie Pearl Pim, born December 4, 1891, a resident of Jackson township; Mrs. Beulah May Edwards, born October 3, 1893, residing in Otter Creek township; Katie P., born July 10, 1895; Wayne Porter, born April 8, 1897; Flossie Carol, born January 7, 1899, who died February 9, 1899; Louie Gail, born April 30, 1900; Ila Lois, born January 28, 1902; Ima Nell, born March 1, 1904; and Zella Ruth, born December 5, 1906.

Politically Mr. Howard is a republican and has efficiently served in the position of township clerk, while for three decades he has done important work as secretary of the local school board, of which he has been a member since 1882. Both he and his wife are members of the United Evangelical church of Otter Creek, in the affairs of which they are active, giving their helpful support to all movements undertaken to spread the Christian spirit and elevate humanity. While Mr. Howard has attained to an enviable position and has achieved financial independence, his life work has been of greater importance, for he has played a vital part in the advancement of Lucas county and his home locality along moral, intellectual and material lines.

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#### CHARLES ELLSWORTH KENT.

Charles Ellsworth Kent is representative of the progress agriculture and stock-raising has made in Lucas county. Settling on section twenty-one, Jackson township, in 1869, when but eight years of age, he has since made his home there and attained substantial success in his occupation. His farm consists of three hundred acres, located on sections 21, 29 and 17, and is provided with two sets of good improvements, his well repaired outbuildings, barns, granaries and shed and his comfortable residence bespeaking the prosperity of their owner.

Charles Ellsworth Kent was born in Salem, Columbiana county, Ohio, on September 7, 1861, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. William Kent, the former a native of England, who was born June 5, 1826, and died in Jackson township, this county, April 24, 1906, after a long and successful agricultural career. An extended sketch of his life appears in this work under his own name.

Charles Ellsworth Kent was married in 1882 to Miss Carrie C. Hawkins, a native of Van Buren county, Iowa, where she was born January 24, 1866. At an early age she came with her parents to Lucas county and has ever since resided here. Her father was Christopher B. Hawkins, whose life record is given in greater detail in connection with the sketch of C. C. Hawkins. Mr. and Mrs. Kent became the parents of the following children: Albert, born July 18, 1883, a resident of Jackson township; William, born March 7, 1886, also of this township; Harry, born May 31, 1888, who passed away July 31, 1890; Oscar, born October 16, 1892, who resides with his parents on the old home farm; and Raymond, born January 1, 1907. All of these children are natives of Jackson township and those surviving attended common school there. Mr. Kent gives his support to the republican party. Public-spirited and well-informed he has always taken a deep interest in the public life of his locality, and for ten years has efficiently

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served as township trustee, while as a member of the school board of Jackson township he has given evidence of his interest in the cause of education. His wife is a member of the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints, in the work of which she takes an active and helpful interest. Fraternally Mr. Kent is a member of the Knights of Pythias, being affiliated with Lucas Lodge, No. 133. A man of many interests, Mr. Kent has become closely connected with the development and advancement of this region and his life labors have not only been productive of individual success but have largely contributed to the general prosperity. A man marked by strength of character, he has become a forceful element in his locality, where his sterling traits have won him the high regard and confidence of all those with whom he has come in contact.

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### R. C. POSTON.

R. C. Poston has for over twenty years practiced law in Corydon and in that time has built up a large and gratifying practice. Moreover, he has attained prominence in other lines and at present fills an executive position in connection with the Farmers & Merchants State Bank and also has faithfully served the people in public office. Mr. Poston was born in Wapello county, Iowa, February 21, 1855, and is a son of Nimrod and Catherine (Gilliland) Poston, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. The grandfather of our subject was Alexander Poston, of Virginia, and a gentleman of English descent, several of whose ancestors had fought in the Revolutionary war. Alexander Poston came to Iowa during the early pioneer days, in 1847, and settled in Wapello county, where he homesteaded government land. The Gilliland family came to Iowa two years before this, in 1845, and it was here that the parents of our subject were married. The Postons, in making their way to the west, came by steamboat by way of the Ohio and the Mississippi rivers, but the mother's people came in the typical pioneer style—by ox team and wagon. Nimrod Poston farmed in Wapello county during all his life, attaining success along agricultural lines, and here he lived until his death. He not only became a prosperous farmer but was also prominent in public life, being elected as a member of the fifth general assembly from Wapello county.

R. C. Poston was educated in the public schools and in 1870 came to Wayne county. His mother had died when he was a boy of only thirteen years and ever since that time he was compelled to make his own way in the world. From his small earnings he saved as much money as he could and by teaching school and carefully husbanding his resources he was able to attend the State University, from which he graduated in 1882. After he had received his degree and was admitted to the bar he began to practice at Humeston, Iowa, where he remained until 1891, when he came to Corydon, where he has since successfully followed his profession. He occupies a creditable and enviable position at the Wayne county bar, for he prepares his cases with great thoroughness and skill and presents them with such force and ability that he never fails to command the attention of court or jury and often obtains the verdict which he desires. His reasoning is logical, his deductions sound and he is seldom surprised by an



unexpected attack of opposing counsel. Entirely free from ostentation and display, he impresses by the simple weight of his character, his knowledge and his sincerity.

In 1882 Mr. Poston was married to Miss Clare A. Williams, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Williams, of Warren county, Iowa, who had removed there from Virginia originally. Mr. and Mrs. Poston have one son, Eugene E., who is a graduate of the liberal arts and law departments of Drake University and is now living at home.

Mr. Poston is a public-spirited man and takes great interest in the growth and development of the city and the locality in which he lives. He has been honored with public office, as he was called upon to serve as county attorney from 1895 to 1897, fulfilling his duties in an energetic manner, which was entirely satisfactory to his constituents. Outside of his legal interests Mr. Poston has become prominent in financial circles of Corydon as president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank and by his wise guidance in this office he has greatly influenced the development of this important financial institution. His fraternal relations are with the Masonic order, in which he holds membership in the blue lodge, of which he has been master for several years, and the commandery, while he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He has made a creditable record in the profession, his course being marked by steady progress, gained through ready utilization of every opportunity that has presented itself, and his industry and energy have found substantial reward in a most gratifying degree of prosperity.

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#### JOHN W. NORMAN.

As one of the foremost agriculturists of his section John W. Norman occupies an enviable position, owning four hundred and ten acres of valuable land in Otter Creek township, Lucas county. Moreover, he has been closely connected with the public life of his township and the county, having efficiently served in various positions. He was born in Noble county, Ohio, on March 15, 1866, coming in 1878 to Benton township, Lucas county, with his parents, who are Nathan and Sarah (Hickle) Norman and who are residing on their farm in Otter Creek township. The paternal grandfather of our subject, William Norman, was born in Virginia and distinguished himself in the War of 1812, participating in the battle of New Orleans. He passed away in Ohio. His wife was Mary (Kiggins) Norman, also a native of Virginia, dying in the same state as her husband. Both were early settlers of the Buckeye state. The maternal grandparents were Stephen and Mary Ann (Drake) Hickle, natives of Virginia, who both passed away in Ohio, of which state they also were early settlers. The father, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on January 26, 1841, carried out the military traditions of the family by enlisting in the Union army in the Civil war, doing valiant service until his honorable discharge. The mother was also born in Ohio, her birth occurring in Noble county on February 1, 1836. She became the mother of three children: Elisha N., born August 9, 1864, who resides with his parents; John W., of this review;

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and Mary Jane, born in December, 1867, also making her home with her parents on their farm in Otter Creek township. The children were born in Ohio but reared in Lucas county. In 1878 the parents came to Benton township, this county, and there settled, the father giving his attention to bringing his farm to a high state of cultivation. Although his financial resources were limited, his earnest efforts won the day and he is now considered one of the substantial men of his locality.

John W. Norman removed with his parents in 1878 from Ohio to Benton township, Lucas county, attending the common schools in Lucas county, at Bethel, and also receiving instruction in Brush College. In 1883 the family removed to Jackson township but in 1886 settled in Otter Creek township, where he has followed farming and stock-raising since. The Norman farm of four hundred and ten acres is under high cultivation and provided with two sets of good improvements. All modern equipment and machinery, to facilitate farm labor and increase the productivity of the soil, can be found upon the property and spacious modernly constructed barns, sheds, outbuildings and granaries give ample shelter for stock and harvests. Mr. Norman specializes in black polled Angus cattle and derives a gratifying addition to his income from this branch of his business.

On March 30, 1897, John W. Norman was married to Miss Lucy C. Redlingshaffer, who was born in Benton township, Lucas county, May 21, 1874. She received a thorough education and for many years was one of Lucas county's most successful public-school teachers. Her parents, George W. and Frances C. (Lewis) Redlingshaffer, were among the early pioneers of Benton township. The father was born in Bavaria, Germany, on February 7, 1832, and died in Benton township on September 1, 1905. He came to America in 1849, during the times of the great revolutionary movement in the fatherland, and 1856 marks his arrival in Lucas county. The mother was born in Fulton county, Ohio, September 18, 1840, and died in Benton township, Lucas county, on October 31, 1893, preceding her husband in death by about twelve years. In their family were twelve children: George D., born February 1, 1862, of Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Nancy M. Wilson, born March 1, 1863, of Hillsdale, Wyoming; Mrs. Alice M. Pickett, born December 27, 1864, of Chariton, this county; Mrs. Irene L. Whiteside, born March 6, 1866, of Benton township; Charles M., born February 9, 1869, who died February 16, 1906; Mrs. Elma F. Myers, born March 8, 1872, residing in White Breast township; Mrs. John W. Norman; Mrs. Mary A. Bruning, born January 20, 1876, of Desmet, Idaho; William L., born December 28, 1878; Delia O., born March 24, 1880, who died January 28, 1894; Mrs. Lily Belle Anderson, born August 21, 1882, of Kalispell, Montana; and Nellie G., born February 3, 1887, also of that city. All these children were born and reared in Lucas county. Mr. and Mrs. Norman are the parents of six children: Twila M., born on March 30, 1898, the first wedding anniversary of her parents; Helen D., born June 4, 1899; Iva M., born February 10, 1901; Hugh R., born August 6, 1902; John E., born April 12, 1904; and Nellie J., born January 9, 1907. All these children were born in Otter Creek township and are attending public school.

John W. Norman is a republican and takes a lively interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the community. Being recognized as a man of no

mean ability, he has been called to serve in various positions of trust and honor and has done efficient duty as township assessor, trustee and member of the school board, giving in this last connection evidence of his deep concern in the cause of education. From 1907 to 1913 Mr. Norman served as a member of the board of supervisors of Lucas county, filling the office to the entire satisfaction of those whom he represented. The county distinctly profited by his labors and he inaugurated or promoted a number of measures which have proven to be of lasting benefit. Mr. and Mrs. Norman are members of the United Evangelical church of Otter Creek and fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Norwood Lodge, No. 490. Looked at from whatever point of view, his life must be considered a success, for he has not only attained individual prosperity but has become a forceful element in his community, a factor for progress and advancement along material and moral lines. Honored wherever known, he stands high in the estimation of his fellowmen, who respect him not only for the position which he holds in the community but for the qualities of his character that have made possible his success.

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#### BOYD DICKERSON McCAULEY.

A valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres in Jackson township, Lucas county, gives evidence of the incessant labors and ability along the line of agricultural work of Boyd Dickerson McCauley, who is numbered among the most prosperous farmers of his locality. Born in Lee county, Virginia, on March 18, 1861, he is a son of George and Mary Ann (Martin) McCauley, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of England. The father was killed during the Civil war, in 1865, at Richmond, Virginia, while serving in Lee's army. The mother also died in Virginia at the age of seventy-two. She was a member of the famous Martin family of that state, one of the present United States senators from Virginia being a member of the family. Mr. and Mrs. McCauley were the parents of five children, as follows: James, deceased; Albert, deceased; Wesley, deceased; Boyd Dickerson; and Mrs. Lenora Miles, who resides on the home farm in the Old Dominion.

The larger part of his education Mr. McCauley received in his native state but at the age of fourteen moved westward and settled at Derby, Lucas county, Iowa, remaining there until 1880, when he removed to Jackson township, of which he has since been a resident. Taking up agricultural pursuits as his life work, he has by progressive and modern methods succeeded in developing one of the valuable farms of his locality, on which he engages in general farming pursuits and stock-raising, gratifying results attending both lines of labor. His farm is situated on sections 19 and 32, Jackson township, and good improvements have been placed upon it by Mr. McCauley. Such equipment as is considered indispensable to modern agriculture can be found upon the place and the standards which are followed by the owner may be set up as examples for others to follow. The family residence is substantially built, comfortable and conveniently equipped.

On October 5, 1886, Mr. McCauley was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Jane Walker, a native of Jackson township, where she was born on February 18, 1860. There she grew to womanhood and has always since made her residence. Her parents were among the early pioneers of Lucas county, making their home here in the spring of 1859. Her father, James L. Walker, was born in Scotland and died in Jackson township in 1880, at the age of sixty years, the mother also passing away in that township on March 21, 1912. Before her marriage she was Mary Stevenson and was born in Ohio on August 31, 1824. In their family were four children: Mrs. McCauley, the wife of our subject; James A., born May 12, 1861, residing on the old Walker family homestead in Jackson township; and two who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. McCauley are the parents of three children: Grover Wesley, born July 4, 1888, residing at Lakota, Iowa; Mary Ann, born October 21, 1890, who makes her home with her parents; and James Horace, born December 7, 1892, also residing at home. All of the children attended common school.

Mr. McCauley gives his allegiance to the democratic party, taking a public-spirited interest in all matters that affect his community, although he has never cared to participate in political life. The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church, both Mr. and Mrs. McCauley being members of that organization in Lucas. Fraternally Mr. McCauley is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. His career is proof of the fact that ambition, united with industry and energy, leads to success, and he is highly regarded and esteemed by all who know him for what he has accomplished and for those qualities of his character which have made possible his prosperity.

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#### JOSIAH S. WILSON.

A lifelong resident of Lucas county, Josiah S. Wilson was born in Benton township, October 28, 1875, and, growing to manhood here, has always made agriculture his chief occupation. His parents were Robert Lee and Nancy (Smith) Wilson, the former a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, where he was born in 1847, and the latter of Meigs county, Tennessee, born October 6, 1854. The father died in Clarke county, this state, in 1895, but the mother is still surviving and makes her home in that county. In their family were ten children: Josiah S., of this review; Mrs. Olive Roberts, born February 13, 1877, of Otter Creek township; Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, whose birth occurred on January 13, 1879, and who resides in Clarke county; Lucius, born November 29, 1881, who makes his home with his mother on the old home farm in Clarke county; Mrs. Jennie McGee, born January 27, 1883, residing in Le Roy, Iowa; Harlan, whose natal day was January 29, 1885, of Clarke county; Charles, born May 30, 1887, also of Clarke county; Roy, born November 14, 1890, who resides on the home farm with his mother; Ida, who passed away in December, 1896, in childhood; and Bessie, the youngest in the family, who also makes her home with her mother in Clarke county. The three eldest of these children were born in Lucas county, the succeeding four in Wayne county and the younger ones in Clarke county.

Josiah S. Wilson grew to manhood under the parental roof and has always been a resident of this immediate vicinity. In the acquirement of his education he attended the common schools and as soon as old enough took up agricultural labors, early becoming acquainted with thorough methods and the details of farm work as well as market conditions and the profitable disposal of farm products. He now is engaged in the cultivation of two hundred and forty fertile acres of land in Otter Creek township which are highly improved. His buildings bespeak the prosperity of their owner, being modernly equipped and in good repair, and he has installed the most modern machinery for labor-saving purposes in order to increase the yield of his farm. He also gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock, of which he keeps a good grade.

On August 21, 1901, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Gerda Lang, a native of Otter Creek township, where she was born on September 13, 1878, and grew to womanhood, ever having made her home here. Her parents, James Moore and Edna J. (Marsh) Lang, were well known farming people of Lucas county, owning a valuable tract of two hundred and forty acres, well improved. The father was born in Pennsylvania on December 13, 1839, and the mother in Marietta, Ohio, May 12, 1848. They now reside at San Gabriel, California, the father having practically retired from active labors, although he still owns his farm in this vicinity. The mother was one of Lucas county's earliest settlers and for many years one of its most successful school teachers. Mr. Lang was employed for many years by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad as bridge carpenter before settling upon his farm. He also helped to build the barn on the poor farm of Lucas county. The maternal grandmother of Mrs. Wilson was one of the first passengers to come into Lucas by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy trains. Mr. and Mrs. Lang became the parents of the following children: Ethel, born February 18, 1876, who died when but four years old, on March 3, 1880; Mrs. Wilson, the wife of our subject; Nora, born February 2, 1881, who is a stenographer and resides with her parents at San Gabriel, California; J. Marsh, born January 5, 1886, residing in Jackson township; and Fay, whose natal day was September 22, 1891, and who teaches school in the Golden state. All of these children were born in Otter Creek township. Mr. Lang was among the early pioneers of Lucas county and always played a prominent part in shaping public affairs. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been born seven children: Elma, born at Glenwood, Iowa, May 31, 1902; Theo, born December 15, 1903, Philip, whose natal day is December 2, 1907; Vera, born May 19, 1909; Lura, who was born June 4, 1910; Marvin, born June 11, 1911; and Marie, born June 11, 1912. All except the eldest daughter were born in Otter Creek township.

Josiah S. Wilson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has given evidence of his interest in the development of his section and especially in the cause of education by efficiently serving as a member of the school board for nine years. Both he and his wife are members of the United Brethren church of Otter Creek, in the work of which they take a helpful interest, and he is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America of Lucas. He is a public-spirited and progressive man, always gladly willing to bear his share in promoting worthy public enterprises and giving as much consideration to the general welfare as to his individual success. His sturdy character-



isties, his industry, energy and thrift have made possible a success which places him among the substantial men of his locality and, as he is recognized as such, he is a forceful and serviceable factor in general expansion and enjoys the confidence and good-will of all who know him and the friendship of many who find represented in him those high qualities of character which always elicit admiration.

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#### CHARLES B. ROGERS.

One of the most enterprising, progressive and substantial business men of Lucas is Charles B. Rogers, a partner in the firm of McKlveen Brothers & Rogers, who are connected with commercial and industrial interests as dealers in lumber, hardware, farm implements and grain. They have built up an extensive trade and their enterprising methods and careful management promise further success in the future. Mr. Rogers has always lived in Lucas county with the exception of seven years spent in Marion county, Iowa, his birth having occurred in Lincoln township, December 31, 1870. He is a son of T. S. and Frederika (Grand-Girard) Rogers, the former of whom was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1825, and the latter in Ohio, November 22, 1842. The father came to Iowa in 1867 with a view to making a permanent location in the state and, being satisfied with his investments, returned for his wife and together they took up their home in Chariton in 1868. The father bought land just south of the city, in Lincoln township, and engaged in farming for a number of years. They now reside in Fresno, California. In their family were four children, all of whom were born in Lincoln township: Mrs. Mary Porter, whose birth occurred July 9, 1869, and who is now residing in Fresno, California; Charles B., of this review; Mrs. Nellie Gillespie, who was born December 6, 1872, and who makes her home in Fowler, California; and Mrs. Emily Williams, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, born September 21, 1878. All of these children were reared in Lucas county and acquired their education in the local schools, all graduating from the Chariton high school.

Charles B. Rogers grew to manhood upon his father's farm in Lincoln township and after completing his high-school course in 1887 continued to reside upon the homestead for two years. In the fall of 1889 he turned his attention to business pursuits, obtaining a position in the employ of Eikenberry & Company, of Chariton, Iowa, with whom he continued at Chariton until July, 1891, when he was made manager at Pleasantville, Iowa, for the same company. While still thus engaged the name of the firm was changed to G. J. Stewart & Company, Mr. Rogers continuing as manager at Pleasantville until February 1, 1899, when he formed a partnership with McKlveen Brothers in the lumber, hardware, farm implement and grain business at Lucas. They are accorded a liberal patronage in each line and their business is annually growing in volume and importance. The success of the undertaking is attributable in no small measure to the manager, Mr. Rogers, whose careful and systematic methods and keen business discernment constitute important elements in the attainment of prosperity. He owns an attractive and well furnished home in



Lucas and important business interests here, besides a profitable fruit ranch in California.

On November 28, 1893, Mr. Rogers married Miss Cynthia Litchfield, whose birth occurred in Pleasantville, Iowa, October 26, 1871, and who passed away April 29, 1913. She was a daughter of A. N. and Mahala (Thompson) Litchfield, the former born in Ohio and the latter in Marion county, Iowa, where her birth occurred October 29, 1851. They came as early settlers to Marion county. The father was a veteran of the Civil war, serving in that conflict as a member of the famous Ohio Third Cavalry under the command of General George Custer. For fear that the famous order issued by General Custer at the time of Lee's surrender at Appomattox Courthouse has not been preserved it will be inserted in this review. Mr. Rogers is in possession of the original, of which the following is a copy:

“Soldiers of the Third Cavalry Division:

“With profound gratitude toward the God of battles, by whose blessings our enemies have been humbled and our arms rendered triumphant, your commanding general avails himself of this, his first opportunity, to express to you his admiration of the heroic manner in which you have passed through the series of battles which today resulted in the surrender of the enemy's entire army. The record established by your indomitable courage is unparalleled in the annals of war. Your prowess has won for you even the respect and admiration of your enemies. During the past six months, although in most instances confronted by superior numbers, you have captured from the enemy in open battle one hundred and eleven pieces of artillery, sixty-five battle flags and upwards of ten thousand prisoners of war, including seven general officers. Within the past ten days and included within the above you have captured forty-six pieces of field artillery and thirty-seven battle flags. You have never lost a gun, never lost a color, and have never been defeated. And, notwithstanding the numerous engagements in which you have borne a prominent part—including those memorable battles of the Shenandoah—you have captured every piece of artillery the enemy has dared to open upon you. The near approach of peace renders it improbable that you will again be called upon to undergo the fatigue of the toilsome march or the exposure of the battlefield; but should the assistance of keen blades wielded by your sturdy arms be required to hasten the coming of that glorious peace for which we have been so long contending, the general commanding is proudly confident that in the future, as well as in the past, every demand will meet with a hearty and willing response. Let us hope that our work is done and that, blessed with the comforts of peace, we may soon be permitted to enjoy the pleasures of home and friends. For our comrades who have fallen let us cherish a grateful remembrance. To the wounded and those who languish in southern prisons let our heartfelt sympathies be tendered. And now, speaking for myself alone, when the war is ended and the task of the historian begins, when those deeds of daring which have rendered the name and fame of the Third Cavalry Division imperishable are inscribed upon the bright pages of history, I only ask that my name be written as that of the commander of the Third Cavalry Division.

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“Brevet Major General.”

In the Litchfield family were four children, as follows: Bertha, who was born October 18, 1869, and who died May 6, 1913; Mrs. Rogers, of this sketch; A. J., who was born July 22, 1873, and who is now a resident of Dallas, Texas; and Addie, who was born September 10, 1884, and who died at Pleasantville, Iowa. Mrs. Rogers was a native of Pleasantville and grew to womanhood there, attending the public schools. This was later supplemented by a course in Drake University and by attendance at a private normal school in Des Moines. She and her husband had three children: Helen, whose birth occurred November 8, 1894, and who was graduated from the Lucas high school with the class of 1911 and from the Chariton high school with the class of 1912, and who is now attending college at Grinnell, Iowa; Harold A., who was born in Lucas, May 4, 1900, and who is now attending the public schools; and Rodney S., born April 27, 1905, a student in the Lucas public schools. Mrs. Rogers was a devout adherent of the Christian church, making her life the embodiment of its teachings.

Fraternally Mr. Rogers is connected with Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 414, A. F. & A. M., of Lucas, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias of Pleasantville, and he is affiliated also with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeomen in Lucas. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is one of its most active supporters in the county. He served as a member of the town council and is at present on the board of education, his loyalty and public spirit being proven by earnest work in the public service. Broad, liberal-minded and progressive, a man of modern views, he is ever ready to give his aid and material support to progressive public enterprises and to any movement which tends to advance the community interests. He is numbered among the most prominent and influential citizens of Lucas county and his is an excellent example of the power and force of honorable manhood, of earnest effort and high principles.

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### FRANCIS RINEHART FRY.

A prominent pioneer citizen of Wayne county, Francis Rinehart Fry is honored and respected by all, not alone because of the success he has achieved, but also owing to the straightforward and progressive business policy that he has ever followed. Moreover, in matters of citizenship he has been a recognized leader, standing at all times for those things which are progressive and helpful in the life of the community.

A native of Mason county, West Virginia, Francis R. Fry was born December 28, 1852, a son of Samuel and Mary A. (Circle) Fry, who were also natives of Mason county. The former was a son of John and Elizabeth (Ann Miller) Fry, natives of Shenandoah county, Virginia, and was the youngest of seven children. He acquired a common-school education and was reared to farm work. On the 18th of April, 1848, he wedded Mary A. Circle, of Mason county, West Virginia. In the year 1857 they removed westward to Wayne county, Iowa, locating first in Union township and in 1861 removing to Washington township. The wife and mother passed away August 26, 1862, and in



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1863, Samuel Fry wedded Mary Ann Ball, of Fauquier county, Virginia. He was a self-made man whose success was attributable entirely to his own efforts. For three years he filled the office of county supervisor and was interested in everything pertaining to public progress and improvement. It was through his efforts that Fry's chapel was built, his donation covering more than one-half of the expense. He labored for the material, intellectual, social and moral benefit of his community and his life work was of value of the district. Unto him and his wife were born two children, the daughter, Mrs. Mary Virginia Burnham, now living in Ames, Iowa.

Francis R. Fry was but four years of age when brought by his parents to Iowa. He acquired his early education in the country schools and when nineteen years of age was graduated from Western College, now the Leander Clark College of Toledo, Iowa. For three years he engaged in teaching school and then refused an offer to become assistant cashier of the Cedar Rapids Savings Bank because of his health. Thinking that outdoor life would prove more beneficial, he began farming, in 1881, on one hundred and twenty acres of land and by reason of his capable management, unfaltering enterprise and progressive methods he was gradually able to increase his holdings until he now owns five hundred and twenty acres, a part of which is rented to his sons, while the remainder is cultivated on shares. He is considered the leading and most progressive farmer in his part of the state. His methods have always been of the most practical character and yet have embodied the most progressive ideas. Since he began farming his fields have always yielded a better percentage than others and it was often pointed out that his crops were large and fine while the fields on the opposite side of the road were producing much less. He understands the scientific as well as the practical side of farming and many young men are looking to him as an example of what may be accomplished in this direction. It is a notable fact that the first eighty acres of land which his father, Samuel Fry, owned and farmed in 1857 is producing as good crops, if not better, than were gathered from the same tract fifty-six years ago. He has always followed crop rotation and has studied the needs of the soil, and the sound judgment which has guided his work has made his labors most effective and has justly given him rank among the foremost agriculturists of this part of the state. In 1895, in order to give his children better educational opportunities than could be secured in the country schools, Mr. Fry removed with his family to Corydon and all of his seven children are now graduates of the high school.

Other business interests aside from farming have claimed the attention and profited by the efforts and enterprise of Mr. Fry. He and his father were the organizers of the Farmers & Merchants Bank and continued as officers and stockholders until the Citizens Savings Bank was reorganized through Mr. Fry's efforts and the name changed to the First National Bank, of which Francis R. Fry is now a director, while his son, F. B. Fry, is cashier. He is also president of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Wayne county, filling that position since 1903.

While Mr. Fry's business interests and duties have claimed his attention he has yet found time to cooperate in various movements relative to the public welfare. The cause of education has found in him a stalwart champion and while



living upon the farm he served for twenty years as a member of the school board and has acted in the same capacity for nine years in connection with the Corydon school board. He has likewise been township clerk and justice of the peace and he was a member of the thirty-fourth general assembly, elected for the years 1911 and 1912. He acted on the advisory board of the city council when the electric light plant was installed, and no movement for the general good seeks his aid and support in vain. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and his position upon any vital question is never an equivocal one. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On the 8th of March, 1872, Mr. Fry was united in marriage to Miss Carrie M. Kellogg, a daughter of Alvero V. and Fannie (Jayne) Kellogg. It was in 1891 that Mr. Fry was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 23d of December of that year. They were the parents of seven children: Frantz Bird, who was born March 2, 1875, and is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Jeva M., who was born February 23, 1878, and died November 18, 1911; Arba P., who was born July 17, 1880, and is now the wife of Jesse T. White, of Corydon; Elo, who was born June 23, 1882, and is the wife of E. A. Kimmel, a detective of Oakland, California; Samuel A., a farmer, who was born May 5, 1884, and married Mary Jennie Riggs, of Seymour, December 28, 1908; Eupha P., who was born on the 2d of May, 1887, and on the 28th of December, 1908, her father's birthday, became the wife of Ray Evans, a farmer of Wayne county; and Alba G., born December 11, 1891, who is cultivating the land which was first owned by his grandfather, Samuel Fry, this being in possession of the family for three generations. He married Nellie B. Davis August 6, 1912. In the family are ten grandchildren. Mr. Fry was married a second time March 9, 1895, when Miss Alice Miller became his wife. She is a daughter of Henry Carter and Frances (Upham) Miller, who arrived in Wayne county in 1864.

Such in brief is the history of Francis R. Fry, who for fifty-six years has lived in Iowa. His career has been one of continuous progress and he occupies today a most prominent position in financial and agricultural circles, while as a citizen his efforts in behalf of the general welfare have been far-reaching and beneficial.

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#### JOHN S. STEARNS.

Having passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey, John S. Stearns is still active in the world's work, carrying on agricultural pursuits. He cultivates the soil and raises live stock on a farm of eighty-nine acres on section 4, Union township, Lucas county, which he purchased in 1900, having followed farming in various states of the Union before that year. He first came to Iowa in 1852 but in 1869 removed to Nebraska, in which state he made his home until 1882, when he again located in Lucas county where he has resided since. A native of Galena, Delaware county, Ohio, born on March 30, 1840, he is a son of Manny and Angeline (Comstock) Stearns, the former of whom passed away in Clinton, Cedar county, Iowa, in 1873, and the latter in Galena, Ohio, in 1851. In their family were three sons and three daughters.

ters of whom two are yet living. They are: Margaret, a resident of Oregon; and John S., of this review. Those who have passed away are: Mrs. Elizabeth Comstock; William; Henry, who died in 1852 at Pioneer Grove, Cedar county, Iowa; and one who passed away in childhood. All of these children were born in Ohio.

John S. Stearns received his education partly in his native state and partly in Iowa, where removal was made in 1852 when he was twelve years of age. The family settled in Pioneer Grove, Cedar county, this state, and there continued to reside until 1862, when Mr. Stearns enlisted for service in the Civil war with Company B, of the First Iowa Cavalry, serving under Colonel Gower in the Western Army. Faithfulness to duty and courageous conduct distinguished his military career. He was mustered out in 1864 with honorable discharge, returning thereupon to Cedar county, where he followed farming until 1868, when he removed to Wayne county, this state, there continuing agricultural pursuits for one year. The next year found him in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he remained for three years, at the end of which period he proceeded to York county, that state, where he homesteaded and then went to Harlan county, whence he removed to Red Willow county, subsequently returning to Harlan county. The year 1882 marked his return to Iowa, when he located on a farm near Russell, Lucas county, where he followed his vocation. In 1900 he purchased eighty-nine acres on section 4, Union township, and there he has since continuously and successfully cultivated the soil and has given his attention also to the raising of live stock. His property is in a high state of cultivation and provided with good improvements, his barns and outbuildings being kept in good repair and the general appearance of his place indicating his prosperity.

In Lincoln, Nebraska, on March 31, 1872, Mr. Stearns was married to Miss Elizabeth Crockford, a native of Ohio, born August 8, 1852. Her parents were Joseph and Mary (Friday) Crockford, both of whom have passed away, the former in Kansas and the latter in McCook, Nebraska. In their family were eight children: Henry, a resident of Hastings, Michigan; William, deceased; Mrs. Ellen Barrett, residing in Lebanon, Oregon; John, who died in Montana; Benton, who passed away in Wisconsin; Mrs. John S. Stearns; Jacob, who resides in Higler, Nebraska; and Joseph, living in Michigan. The six oldest children were born in Ohio while the others' births occurred in Michigan. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stearns five are living: Mrs. Carrie Allen, born December 20, 1872, residing in Jackson township; Joseph, born in York county, Nebraska, living in Russell, Iowa; Harry, born in Russell, who makes his home at Canmore, Canada; John C., born in Russell, who still resides there; and Ethel, attending high school in Lucas. Those deceased are: Mary, who died while quite young at Alma, Nebraska; Charles, who also passed away in that city; and Otis, born at Alma, Nebraska, who died at Derby, Iowa.

In his political affiliations Mr. Stearns is a republican and keeps well informed upon public issues. He keeps alive the spirit of '61 by his membership in McKnight Post, G. A. R., of Derby, Iowa. Having always led a useful and busy life in which indolence and idleness have been unknown he has not only achieved individual success but has contributed to the development

and advancement that have brought about the prosperous condition of the section. Interested in all movements incorporated to benefit his county and his locality, he has always been glad to do his share and by his life record has given an example of public-spirited and true American citizenship in times of war as well as in times of peace.

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### CYRUS N. BELL.

A native of Lucas county, Cyrus N. Bell has passed his entire life in this section of the state, where he was born in White Breast township on September 20, 1860, a son of Nelson and Rebecca (Hobson) Bell. He was the only child born of this union. White Breast township now knows him as one of its most prosperous agriculturists, his holdings comprising two hundred and four acres of choice land on sections 7, 5, 9, 19, 20, 29 and 30, with two sets of good improvements.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Thomas Bell, was a native of Cumberland county, North England, and in an early day of the history of this country settled in Ohio, being among the pioneers of that state. His wife was a native of Ireland and also died in Ohio. The maternal grandfather, Joseph Hobson, was born in Kentucky and died in Van Buren county, Iowa, his wife, Margaret (Sutphin) Hobson, being a native of New York and passing away in Lucas, Iowa. They were among Iowa's first pioneers. The father of Cyrus N. Bell, Nelson Bell, was born in Madison county, Ohio, January 24, 1832, and died in the Civil war while serving in the Union army. He enlisted in Company B, Sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was under the command of General Grant. He participated in the battle of Shiloh and died in Mississippi on December 24, 1862, of an illness due to the bad conditions of living which the army endured. His death occurred at the time of the events leading up to the siege of Vicksburg. The mother, Rebecca (Hobson) Bell, was a native of Clark county, Indiana, born May 5, 1826, and now makes her home with her son, Cyrus N., at the age of eighty-seven years. The parents settled in Iowa in 1854, in Wapello county.

Cyrus N. Bell was born one and a half miles west of the postoffice at Chariton and has always been a resident of this neighborhood. He early engaged in agricultural pursuits and in addition learned bridge carpenter work, having been engaged along that line for some time with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. He located with his parents on the farm where he now resides in 1868. As the years have passed success has attended his labors and his property now comprises two hundred and four acres of the most fertile land of his locality, where he engages in general farming, also giving considerable attention to the raising of live stock, of which he keeps a good grade. He has installed on his farm the modern equipment which is considered indispensable in up-to-date agricultural methods, and his buildings bespeak the care of the owner.

On April 5, 1888, Mr. Bell was united in marriage to Miss Florence E. Robbins, who was born in Decatur county, Indiana, on September 17, 1862.

When but three years of age she was brought by her parents to Lucas county, of which she has been a resident since. The father during all his life followed agricultural pursuits, coming to this section overland from Eddyville, which was as far as the railroad extended at that time. James H. Robbins was born in Decatur county, Indiana, and his wife, Della (Rutherford) Robbins, is also a native of that county. Both are still residing in a pleasant home in Chariton, Iowa. In their family were six children, of whom Mrs. Bell is the eldest. The others were: George, deceased; James H., Jr., a dealer in live stock residing at Chariton, Iowa; Ludlow, of Des Moines, this state; Mrs. Margaret Jamison, a resident of Osceola, this state; and Electa, of Burlington, Iowa. The two eldest were natives of Decatur county, Indiana, but the younger ones were born in Lucas county, where all were reared. Mr. and Mrs. Bell are the parents of four children: James N., born May 9, 1889, who completed a business course in Elliott's Business College at Burlington, Iowa, and is employed by the Drake Wholesale Hardware Company of the latter city; Floyd F., born June 17, 1890, who also attended business college in Burlington and now resides in Jackson township; Edna, born February 13, 1892, who graduated from the Chariton high school with the class of 1913; and William McKinley, born August 27, 1894, attending Elliott's Business College of Burlington.

Politically Mr. Bell is a republican. He has efficiently served as assessor of White Breast township for four years and has been a school director. Mrs. Bell and her daughter Edna are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Lucas, while fraternally Mr. Bell is a member of Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 414, A. F. & A. M., of Lucas, and a charter member of the Eastern Star of that city. A public-spirited man who takes a deep interest in community affairs, he stands ever ready to bear his share in time or money in the promotion of any measures originated for the benefit of the community and is highly esteemed and regarded by all who know him for his many high qualities of mind and character.

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### JAMES L. WASHBURN.

Varied are the interests of James L. Washburn, who is not only one of the successful agriculturists of Union township, Lucas county, but has also actively participated in public life and at present serves in the position of justice of the peace. Although he had but a common-school education, he has taught himself largely and has become recognized as one of the best informed men upon the history of his district. He has written one of the best township histories to be found on Union township, Lucas county, which gives a concise record of the development thereof. Himself of an old and distinguished family, he has been interested in genealogical work and has compiled various records of importance and interest, including that of his own family.

James L. Washburn was born in Lee county, Iowa, November 25, 1860. There he attended the common schools and grew to manhood, supplementing his early education by continual reading of the best magazines and periodicals of



the day. He subsequently studied and graduated in bookkeeping and telegraphy and railroad station work and is qualified to hold any of these offices. For a time he was also interested in banking with Manning & Penick of Chariton, Iowa.

The Washburn family was first mentioned in the history of the United States in 1790, when they were located in Vermont, in the disputed territory lying between New York and New Hampshire. Mr. Washburn is in possession of a genealogical record extending over two centuries. His father, Stephen S. Washburn, was born in Canada in 1820 and died in Lee county, this state, in 1873. His father was the head of the Washburn family in America. It was in 1844 that Stephen S. Washburn located in Lee county, Iowa, then a territory, becoming one of its very earliest pioneers. At the time of Lincoln's first election he was one of three men to brave the dangers in his township in order to vote for Lincoln, that section being at the time a rebel hotbed. Three uncles of our subject were captains in the Union army and one fought for the southern cause as colonel. The mother of James L. Washburn was Malissa H. (Sprott) Washburn, who was born in 1826 and died in Lee county in March, 1903. She came to that county with her parents in the same year as her husband and was a daughter of the well known Colonel James Sprott of war fame. Mr. Washburn has also compiled a complete genealogical record of the Sprott family which extends from September, 1767, to the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen S. Washburn were the parents of five children: Nicholas A., residing in Washington; Mrs. Anna S. Ptlgenstoffer, of Argyle, Iowa; Mrs. Ella F. Newberry, also of that place; Willard S., of California; and James L., of this review. All of these children were born and reared in Lee county in the home where the parents began their housekeeping and where they both lived until their deaths.

Upon growing to manhood Mr. Washburn gave his attention largely to agricultural pursuits, but he also made eight trips across the Rocky Mountains and traveled over forty thousand miles. He now enjoys a home of one hundred and sixty acres of fertile land on sections 18 and 20, Union township, highly improved. His buildings are modern and well equipped and his residence is comfortable. He gives considerable attention to stock-raising, keeping a high grade of animals. As the years have passed he has become one of the substantial agriculturists of this section and great credit must be given him for what he has attained.

In 1885 Mr. Washburn was united in marriage to Miss Alice Sprott, of the same name as his mother. She was born in Union township, Lucas county, September 7, 1867, and here grew to womanhood and here has ever since lived. Her parents were Joseph W. and Frances A. (Brown) Sprott, natives of Pennsylvania, the former born July 30, 1826, and the latter on April 24, 1830. The parents subsequently moved to Iowa. The father was a forty-niner, going to California with an ox team and returning by the isthmus of Panama, walking from the Pacific to the Gulf through what is now the Canal Zone. He came to Lucas county in 1858 where he followed agricultural pursuits. He passed away in Derby in August, 1903, the mother following him in death on April 23, 1905, her demise occurring in Union township. Mr. and Mrs. Sprott became the parents of the following children: Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, who is residing south of Chariton, this state; Mrs. Joan Chapman, of Derby, Iowa; Mrs. George Parkin, of Derby; Mrs. Kate E. Robinson, who resides in White Breast township; Mrs. Alice Washburn, the



wife of our subject; and Thomas, deceased. The three eldest children were born in Van Buren county and the remainder in Union township, Lucas county. Mr. and Mrs. Washburn became the parents of five children, of whom three are living: Agnes E., born August 4, 1889; Olive M., whose birth occurred December 13, 1891; and Ruby F., born December 21, 1893. They attended the common schools in the vicinity of the father's farm and the two eldest took a course at Drake University of Des Moines. They are school teachers, the older one having been connected with the Osceola public schools. She and Olive M. are now teaching in the Derby schools.

In his political affiliations Mr. Washburn is a progressive republican and has ever given to that party his staunch support. He is at present justice of the peace of Union township and at one time was mayor of Bondurant, Iowa. Fraternally he is a Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and the Modern Woodmen of Derby. In 1913 he was chosen president of the Farmers' Short Course held at Derby and it is needless to say that the affair under his able management proved to be a complete success. As much as Mr. Washburn is interested in the history of his district, he gives as much consideration to its future and can ever be found among those men who support worthy public enterprises. He has not only stimulated interest in the present generation as regards the pioneer history of his district, but has himself been an active factor in promoting agricultural development and improving moral and intellectual standards. He must therefore be considered a serviceable factor in the general upbuilding, and the confidence, respect and good-will which he receives on all sides are well and highly merited.

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#### JUSTIN WESTFALL.

Justin Westfall has made himself felt in the development of Lucas county in a twofold capacity, for he followed farming until 1900, since which year he has turned his attention to commercial interests, being now the manager of the lumber yard of G. J. Stewart & Company of Chariton at Derby, the business having largely increased under his able direction. He is a son of Granville and Jeannette (Teal) Westfall, both natives of Virginia, the father born in Jackson county on March 3, 1829, and the latter in Rockbridge county, October 26, 1830. Mr. and Mrs. Granville Westfall came as pioneers to Union township by the overland route in the fall of 1849, and here they made their home until their demise, the father passing away in Jackson county, West Virginia, on December 17, 1891, and the mother in Union township, this county, on November 25, 1885. Justin Westfall was the eleventh in order of birth in a family of fourteen children, his brothers and sisters being: Mrs. Martha Troutman, a resident of Union township; Clark, deceased; David, a resident of Indianola, this state; Franklin, who passed away in Walla Walla, Washington; Alfred, who died in infancy; John P., a resident of Le Roy, Iowa; George, of Derby, this state; Mrs. Flora Kyner, of Humeston, Iowa; Mrs. Victoria Kyner, also of that city; Henry, a prominent farmer of Union township; Lucinda, who died at the age of fifteen, on December 26, 1885; Jo Ann, who died in infancy; and Charles, also deceased.

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Justin Westfall, in the acquirement of his education attended school near his father's farm, upon which he grew to manhood. Being early trained to that vocation, he followed farming until 1900, when he entered financial circles, becoming a member of the staff of the Merchants & Farmers Bank of Derby, with which institution he remained for two and a half years, gaining valuable commercial experience. He then entered the employ of G. J. Stewart & Company, of Chariton, as manager of their lumber yard at Derby, in which position he continues today. Energetic and active, he has displayed remarkable business ability in the discharge of his duties and has extended the trade connections of his firm in a conspicuously successful way. He is considered one of the forceful factors in commercial expansion in Derby, and while he himself has attained an important position among the merchants of the city, he has been instrumental in promoting the interests of his community along various lines.

On March 9, 1892, Mr. Westfall was united in marriage to Miss Belle Blizzard, a native of Union township, Lucas county, born August 2, 1868. Here she attended the common schools and grew to womanhood, complementing her education by a course at the State Normal School of Stanberry, Missouri, and Drake University of Des Moines, Iowa. Being well prepared for the teaching profession, she then so engaged in Union township for about five years before her marriage. Her parents are E. M. and Amanda (Mitchell) Blizzard, who became early settlers of Lucas county. They now reside near Derby, the father having practically retired after a successful farming career in this locality. In their family are four children: Mrs. Ada Grimes, of Union township; Mrs. Justin Westfall; Mrs. Dorothy B. Irvin, of Florence, Arizona; and T. M., who resides in Union township. All were born and reared here.

In his political affiliations Mr. Westfall is a democrat, keeping well informed as to the state of governmental affairs and taking interest in all issues that affect his locality, his county, state or the nation. He has the distinction of having served as the first town clerk of Derby while his father served on the first grand jury of this county. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church of this town, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest. Mr. and Mrs. Westfall reside in a well appointed home in Derby and he still owns his old homestead, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of choice land in Union township, highly improved, from which he derives a gratifying income. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to the Derby camp. His career is proof of the fact that industry and honesty are yet the paramount qualities that lead to success and he is esteemed and respected as much for these characteristics, which have made his prosperity possible, as for the substantial position which he has reached in the community.

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#### WILLIAM T. GRIMES.

As mayor of the town and the proprietor of a thriving implement business, William T. Grimes is a worthy representative of the commercial and official circles of Allerton, toward the progress and development of which he has contributed no less by his able and efficient public service than by the capable and

competent manner in which he has assisted to promote some of its leading business enterprises. A native of Indiana, he was born on the 15th of August, 1859, and is the third in order of birth in a family of seven. His parents, Jackson and Ellen (Tippin) Grimes, were likewise natives of Indiana, whence they removed to Iowa in 1867, coming direct to Wayne county. Here the father purchased two hundred acres of prairie land, which through his diligent and capably directed efforts was converted into one of the fertile and valuable farming properties of the county. He is still residing on his farm at the advanced age of eighty years, but the mother passed away in 1907, and was laid to rest in the Allerton cemetery. She was seventy-four at the time of her death.

William T. Grimes, who was a lad of about eight years when he came to Iowa with his parents, was reared at home and educated in the public schools. The son of a farmer, his energies were early directed along agricultural lines, and long before he had reached man's estate he was thoroughly familiar with the practical methods of tilling the fields and caring for the crops. When he was twenty-four years of age his father deeded eighty acres of land to him and leaving home he began farming for himself. As he was industrious and exercised intelligence in directing the cultivation of his fields he met with a good measure of success and was soon able to increase his holdings by the addition of another eighty acres. He subsequently sold the tract presented to him by his father and invested the proceeds in other land, continuing to purchase adjoining fields as the opportunity presented until his farm comprised four hundred acres. Not only did he prove to be a skilled agriculturist but a capable business man, and early began to direct his energies along other lines. In 1892, he temporarily withdrew from the work of the farm and went to Clio, where he assisted in the organization of the Bank of Clio, of which institution he was cashier for four years. At the expiration of that time he returned to his farm, which he operated until 1903. In the year last named he came to Allerton to enter upon the duties of cashier of the Farmers & Feeders Bank, now the Farmers National Bank, which he had assisted in organizing the year previous. He was the first president of this concern and served as cashier for five years, following which he resumed the management of his farm and also bought and sold stock. His entire attention was given to these two undertakings until the spring of 1912, when he engaged in the implement business. A wide knowledge of farming machinery, united with a practical and intimate understanding of the needs of the agriculturist well adapt Mr. Grimes for this business, and as he is widely known throughout the county without doubt he will succeed in building up a large patronage.

On the 28th of February, 1884, Mr. Grimes was married to Miss Eva A. Allen, a daughter of Oscar G. and Anna (Miller) Allen. The parents, who were natives of Indiana, came to Iowa about 1860, being among the first settlers in Wayne county. Here they passed the remainder of their days, the mother's death occurring in 1892, and that of the father in July, 1912, at the age of seventy-eight years. Mrs. Grimes, who is the fifth in order of birth in a family of eleven, was born on the 13th of August, 1865. To Mr. and Mrs. Grimes there have been born two daughters and a son, William L., who died at the age of three years. The eldest daughter, Wilma D., was born on January 14, 1885. She married Ernest R. Blakeley, a civil engineer of Illinois, and has become

the mother of two children. Cora D., whose birth occurred on Christmas day, 1890, is now pursuing a special course of study in the University at Madison, Wisconsin. She previously attended Highland Park University at Des Moines for a year, while she was a student at the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Grimes are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is a member of the board of trustees. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias, in which order he has passed through all of the chairs. Mrs. Grimes is a member of the Royal Neighbors and the Wednesday Club. Mr. Grimes gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is now serving as mayor of the town, while for nine years he was a member of the school board. He has prospered in his various business enterprises and has acquired extensive and valuable property interests. He owns his residence in Allerton, four hundred and eighty acres of land in Stafford county, Kansas, and eighty acres in Carlton county, Minnesota. His farm here constitutes one of the finest properties in Wayne county and brings him a good annual rental. It is fenced with barbed wire, has natural drainage and the entire acreage is under cultivation. The improvements are substantial and in good condition, while the entire place is amply supplied with water of a superior quality from bored wells. Mr. Grimes is widely known and esteemed in the county, because as a business man, public official and private citizen he has always manifested those qualities which entitle him to the respect and regard of his fellow townsmen. His success is the well merited reward of earnest effort, close application and capable management, and has been achieved in a manner which leaves no doubt as to his integrity or question as to the reliability of his business methods.

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#### JOSIAH BURGETT.

Josiah Burgett has been an interested witness of the growth and development of Lucas county from pioneer days to the present. Fifty-six years have come and gone since the Burgett family arrived in this state, and when they took up their abode in Lucas county the Indians were still numerous, while wild game of all kinds was plentiful. Great indeed have been the changes which have since occurred, and the Burgett family have ever borne their part in all the work which has wrought the present prosperity and development of the county.

Josiah Burgett was born in Johnson county, Indiana, March 14, 1856. His father, William Burgett, was born in Ohio, April 3, 1812, and in early manhood wedded Hannah Leach, a native of Kentucky. The Leach family was also one of the pioneer families of Lucas county. It was in the year 1857 that William Burgett brought his family to Iowa, taking up his abode in Union township. He remained a portion of the first year with Joe Mundell of that township and was following early morning and of Mr. Skidmore lying partly in Liberty township. It was upon that tract that he took up his abode. It was raw prairie and there was little evidence of development and civili-



zation to be seen in this part of the state. It was not an unusual thing for the Indians to call at the homes of the settlers, nor was it difficult for one of these pioneer men to go into the forest with his gun and return with an abundance of wild game. The houses for the most part were built of logs, as were the schoolhouses, and the methods of instruction were equally primitive. Mr. Burgett carried on farming for many years and passed away in Liberty township, November 14, 1897, having for almost a quarter of a century survived his wife, who died April 17, 1873. Their children were thirteen in number, as follows: Mrs. Sarah E. Callon, who was born August 16, 1835, and resides in Liberty township; Mrs. America Fread, who was born on the 15th of January, 1837, and has passed away; Mrs. Anne Richardson, born July 15, 1838, who is also deceased; Jacob, born March 9, 1840, who was a veteran of the Civil war and is now deceased; Aaron, whose birth occurred on the 19th of October, 1841, and who passed away June 14, 1903; Preston, who was born August 2, 1843, and has passed away; Mary Jane and Hannah, who died in infancy; Mrs. Mahala Lee, who is deceased; William H., born January 2, 1852, who is a resident of Oakley; James, January 29, 1854, who died May 16, 1897; Josiah, of this review; and Mrs. Sophrona Browning, who was born on the 16th of February, 1860, and is a resident of Liberty township. Only the youngest member of the family was born in Iowa, the other children being all natives of Johnson county, Indiana.

The usual experiences of the lad reared upon the frontier came to Josiah Burgett in his boyhood and youth. He assisted in the arduous task of developing new land and bringing the fields under cultivation, and throughout his entire life he has carried on general agricultural pursuits. He still owns a part of the old homestead and his holdings include two hundred acres of choice land on sections 20, 21 and 28, Liberty township. There are good buildings and an attractive, well furnished home where good cheer and hospitality reign supreme. As the years have gone by Mr. Burgett has won success and is now in possession of a comfortable competence.

In this county was celebrated his marriage to Miss Cynthia Malone on the 17th of April, 1886. She was born in Liberty township, January 23, 1865, was reared to womanhood here and has always been a resident of the county where her parents located at a very early day. Her father, William Malone, was born in Ohio, February 16, 1835, and died in Liberty township, June 27, 1910. Her mother, Mrs. Malinda (Webb) Malone, was born in Indiana, January 3, 1840, and passed away in Liberty township, May 18, 1911. Her father, Joseph Webb, was one of the earliest settlers of Lucas county, arriving in 1854. Unto William and Malinda (Webb) Malone were born thirteen children, namely: Joseph, who was born in Ohio, on the 2d of August, 1859, and has passed away; John A., whose birth occurred in Ohio on the 13th of April, 1861, and who is a resident of Oklahoma; Nola J., who was born in Ohio on the 18th of June, 1863, and is now deceased; Mrs. Cynthia Burgett; William L., born April 18, 1866, who passed away in Missouri; James P., who was born on the 2d of July, 1868, and is a resident of Coin, Iowa; Charles W., whose birth occurred February 18, 1869, and who has passed away; Thomas W., who was born November 15, 1871, and is deceased; David C., who was born on the 22d of November, 1873, and makes his home near Chariton; Maurice C., whose



birth occurred on the 4th of November, 1875, and who is living near Oakley; Lewis H., born March 12, 1877, who has passed away; Mrs. Mary A. Lancaster, who was born on the 15th of April, 1878, and resides near Chariton; and Andrew D., who was born on the 4th of March, 1880, and resides at Laeona. The ten last named were natives of Lucas county and here all of the children were reared.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Burgett have been born nine children, as follows: Mrs. Zora B. Johnson, whose natal day was December 21, 1887, and who is now a resident of Oregon; Mrs. Grace G. Ketelum, who was born on the 31st of July, 1889, and is a resident of Chariton; Mrs. Gay Mauk, who was born on the 2d of April, 1892, and makes her home west of Chariton; May, twin sister of Mrs. Mauk, who is still at home; Lloyd S., born September 29, 1894, who is yet under the parental roof; Ross D., whose birth occurred on the 15th of October, 1896; Raymond O., whose natal day was October 28, 1901; Myrtle O., born May 23, 1903; and Truman J., whose birth occurred on the 13th of March, 1906. All the above named are natives of Liberty township.

Mr. Burgett has always given his political allegiance to the democratic party and has made an excellent record as a public-spirited citizen, loyal to the best interests of the community, yet he has never sought nor desired office, although he has served as a member of the school board. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church, whose doctrines he strongly believes, and their religious faith is the guiding spirit of their lives. Both are widely known in the county and have a circle of warm friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

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#### ALBERT CLAY PFRIMMER.

A two hundred and ten acre farm in Otter Creek township, Lucas county, highly improved and well under cultivation, represents the life's labor of Albert Clay Pfrimmer, who was born in Harrison county, Indiana, on July 21, 1860, and as a boy of nine years came with his parents to Otter Creek township, where ever since becoming old enough he has followed agricultural pursuits. He is a son of George Pfrimmer, a native of France, in which country he was born on February 19, 1825, and who now makes his home in Otter Creek township with Mrs. T. D. Ashby, an older sister of our subject. The father has passed his eighty-eighth birthday and still enjoys remarkably good health for one of his age. The mother, Mrs. Lydia Ann Pfrimmer, was born in Indiana in 1826 and died in Otter Creek township on June 14, 1900, at the age of about seventy-four years. In their family were five children: Charles W., born in 1846, who resides in Mena, Arkansas; Samuel, deceased; Francis M., born in 1850 and a resident of Stratton, Nebraska, where he served for a number of years as postmaster; Lel L., who is now Mrs. Thompson D. Ashby; and Albert Clay, of this review.

Albert Clay Pfrimmer attended school in Indiana and Otter Creek township, having removed with his parents to this locality when nine years of age. When old enough he began to assist his father in the work of the home farm

and early gained valuable knowledge along agricultural lines, having followed that occupation ever since. He now owns two hundred and ten acres of well improved land in Otter Creek township, with two sets of improvements. His buildings are substantial and modernly equipped and, while he largely engages in mixed farming, he gives considerable attention to his live stock interests. His residence is comfortable and conveniently appointed and there the family often entertain their many friends.

On January 28, 1886, Mr. Pfrimmer married Miss Martha Ellen Lipe, a native of Otter Creek township, where she was born on July 7, 1866. There she attended the common schools, supplementing her fundamental education with a one-year course at Simpson College of Indianola. Well equipped for the profession, she then taught school in Lucas county for two years. She is a daughter of John and Mahala (Davidson) Lipe, the father a native of Randolph county, North Carolina, where he was born on January 9, 1829, and the mother of Indiana. When but three years old the father was brought to the latter state and subsequently came to Iowa, where he passed his life in agricultural labors, his death occurring in Otter Creek township on April 29, 1910. The mother also died in that township, preceding her husband in death by nearly four decades, her demise occurring in December, 1871. Both came to Lucas county in 1861 and therefore witnessed much of the transformation that took place as pioneer conditions gave way to the onward march of civilization. The father had a creditable military record, having enlisted at Clinton, Iowa, on the Union side, and having rendered valuable service during the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. John Lipe became the parents of five children: William, born April 3, 1862, deceased; Phoebe Ann, born August 2, 1863, also deceased; Mrs. Albert Clay Pfrimmer; John Wesley, a well known farmer of Otter Creek township, of whom more extended mention is made in another part of this work; and Mrs. Sarah Frances Eaton, born in December, 1870, who also resides in Otter Creek township. After the death of his first wife the father married again and of his second union the following children were born: Mrs. Addie Harvey, of Otter Creek township; Mrs. Alvie Lovina Baker, also of that township; and Winfred LeRoy and Wilfred, twins, both deceased. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Pfrimmer was one of Sumter's band and members of the family in the maternal line rendered valuable service during the Revolution.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfrimmer became the parents of thirteen children, all of whom were born in Otter Creek township and all of whom are living. The elder of them went from the public schools into teaching. The children are: Mrs. Ada Ellen Patterson, born October 17, 1887, who now resides in Omaha, Nebraska, and who is the mother of one child, Mary Ellen, born May 16, 1908; Vashti, born January 8, 1889, who attends the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls; Samuel McRae, who was born July 13, 1890, and resides with his parents but is at present teaching school in Warren township, this county; Anna Blonde, born December 16, 1891, attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln; Lydia Mabel, whose natal day was May 29, 1893, and who attends the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls; John Lipe, born December 23, 1894, who assists his father with the work on the farm and at the same time attends school; George Albert, born July 10, 1896, who also helps in the minor

duties around the home place; Anglo Saxon, born March 20, 1898; Mary Alberta, born November 28, 1899, who is attending high school at Chariton, Iowa; Martha Helen, born March 29, 1901; Emily Ruth, born on Christmas day of 1902; Charlotte May, born March 19, 1905; and Wilbur Francis, born September 25, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfrimmer are devoted members of the Methodist church of Otter Creek township, in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested. In his political views he is a republican and, although he has never eared for public position, keeps well informed upon all matters of public importance and fulfills his duties as a citizen painstakingly, as he recognizes his obligations as readily as he enjoys his privileges. He has been a factor in promoting agricultural development in Lucas county and is ever ready to give his support to worthy public enterprises. A forceful element in his community, he enjoys the high esteem and good-will of all who know him, for he has given evidence of characteristics which stamp him as a valuable citizen and a reliable, progressive member of society.

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#### JAMES R. MUNDELL.

Having passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey, James R. Mundell enjoys the respect and esteem due to one of his age—one who has spent a life rich in labor, rich in hardships and obstacles but also rich in achievements and results in planting civilization on a stretch of land which was but prairie when he came here. But few settlements were made in Lucas county and but one log house was built at Chariton when Mr. Mundell, in the fall of 1849, built his first shack in Jackson township. He was born in Clinton county, Indiana, on March 20, 1833, a son of Joseph Mundell, who was born in Kentucky in April, 1802, and who, having long been prominent as an agriculturist in Lucas county, died in Union township on February 8, 1885.

In the fall of 1849 James R. Mundell, with his father, came to Jackson township, Lucas county, and built a shack and then returned to his native county, but in the spring came back to his new settlement and has been a resident of Lucas county ever since. The family moved to Union township in 1856, after the first stages of hard pioneer life had been overcome, and Mr. Mundell of this review still makes his home in this township, where he has followed agricultural pursuits during his long, active and useful life. When he came here but few settlements were made and the rolling prairie extended unbroken in all directions. In Chariton one log house was the only sign of civilization; but with the undaunted spirit of the pioneer Mr. Mundell set himself to the task to wrest a farm from the wilderness, and to what extent he has succeeded is evidenced by the many acres which bring him gratifying returns today. He owns one hundred acres of land in Jackson township and forty acres in Union township, highly cultivated and well improved. His buildings are substantial and modernly equipped, modern machinery is employed in keeping the land at its highest state of fertility, and his stock gives the appearance of the best of care. A venerable pioneer, James R. Mundell

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is still active in looking after his interests and, rugged type of man that he is, he still operates his fields and can daily be found upon his acres.

James R. Mundell was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Tilford, a native of Round Prairie, Jefferson county, Iowa, where she was born on June 25, 1840. Her parents were among the earlier settlers in this state. Mr. and Mrs. Mundell became the parents of twelve children, all of whom were born in Union township: Sarah Belinda, who died at the age of five years; Celesta Jane, who died at the age of three years; J. P., born December 17, 1861, a resident of Lucas; R. T., born March 24, 1864, who makes his home in Jackson township; Mrs. Mary I. Leach, born February 20, 1866, of Jackson township; William J., whose natal day was April 9, 1868, of Jackson township; Mrs. Ida V. Stumbaugh, born March 20, 1870, who resides at Reedpoint, Montana; James A., of Jackson township, who was born April 14, 1872; Lucy E., born August 23, 1874, who died July 16, 1875; C. E., of Jackson township, who was born August 6, 1876; Olive L., born July 1, 1879, who resides with her father in Union township; and Mrs. Nora Etta Hamilton, born April 14, 1881, of Jackson township. Mrs. Mundell passed away in Union township on March 2, 1896, and Mr. Mundell subsequently married a sister of his former wife.

It is to pioneers of the type of Mr. Mundell that America is indebted for its enormous agricultural development, and as such recognition is due him in this volume. Having led a long, active and useful life, to which indolence and idleness have ever been foreign, he has not only achieved individual success and has not only witnessed the onward march of civilization but has largely contributed to the development of Lucas county, always glad to bear his share in the work of making this one of the most prosperous sections of the country. His life work has been a serviceable factor in the growth of the county and there is no one more loyal to its interests than he. Although so deeply interested in development, he has never been active in politics, caring not for public honors or emoluments derived from public sources. He allies himself with the democratic party and has ever staunchly upheld its principles. Nature has been kind to him, for he has never abused her laws. One usually thinks of old age as a period when mental as well as physical powers weaken, but there is an old age which grows stronger and brighter mentally and morally as the years go by and gives out of its rich stores of wisdom and experience for the benefit of others. Such has been the life of Mr. Mundell, who is not only one of the most venerable but also one of the most honored citizens of Lucas county, respected wherever known and most of all where best known.

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#### SHERMAN PULLEY.

Among the successful and prominent native sons of Lucas county is numbered Sherman Pulley, who owns and operates two hundred acres of land lying on sections 1 and 12, Union township. He was born in this township on the 6th of November, 1869, and is a son of Henson and Charity Pulley, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. They came as pioneers into



Lucas county, making the journey overland into Union township in 1865, and here the father continued to reside until his death. His wife survives him and makes her home on the old Pulley homestead in Union township. In their family were eight children: Frank, of Warren township; Mary and Mrs. Emma Rosetta Evans, both of whom are deceased; Sherman, of this review; Mrs. Isadore Delmar, of Oklahoma; Charley, who died at the age of one year; Arthur, of Oklahoma; and Mrs. Kittora Morgan, of Arkansas. The oldest child in this family was born in Indiana but all of the others are natives of Union township.

Sherman Pulley grew to manhood in Lucas county, acquiring his education in the district schools and in his childhood dividing his time between his studies and work in clearing, improving and developing the homestead. Before he was of age he was already a practical and able farmer, understanding the best agricultural methods and all the details of farm operation, a knowledge which forms the real basis of his rapid and continued prosperity. He is today one of the prominent agriculturists of this vicinity, owning two hundred acres of choice land lying on sections 1 and 12, Union township. The property is equipped with substantial improvements and its neat and attractive appearance indicates the owner's careful supervision and practical methods. He engages in general farming and is also extensively interested in stock-raising, breeding good grades of hogs and Aberdeen Angus cattle.

Mr. Pulley is a member of the Baptist church, and fraternally is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and although not an office seeker, he is at all times interested in community affairs, cooperating heartily in all measures to advance the interests of his native section.

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### B. FRANK PHILLIPS.

A prominent man of his community, B. Frank Phillips is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, combining a barber shop with these two lines of activity. Moreover, he is widely known along other lines, serving at present as the city clerk of Lucas and being deeply interested in fraternal organizations, in which connection he has attained a rank which makes him prominent throughout the state. He was born in Beacon, Iowa, September 4, 1868, a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Davis) Phillips, natives of Wales, the father born May 8, 1831, and passing away in Chariton, Iowa, October 16, 1912. The mother has also passed away, her death occurring at Beacon, Iowa. The Phillips family were among the earlier settlers of Iowa, having located at Des Moines in 1856. They removed to Lucas, May 22, 1881. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Phillips were the following children: Mrs. Isabella Burke, who was born at Farmington, Iowa, and now resides at Hiteman, this state; Isaac, also a resident of Hiteman; B. Frank, of this review; Mrs. Rosa Day Evans and Rhoda May, twins, the former a resident of Lucas and the latter deceased; Elizabeth, who died in 1889; and John, superintendent of coal mines at Norwoodville,





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Iowa. The mother died in 1872 and the father afterwards married Mrs. Ann Phillips, a widow, who died September 16, 1913.

B. Frank Phillips attended the common schools of Beacon and Lucas in the acquirement of his education and in 1887 engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Lucas, with which, in 1888, he combined a barber shop. He is so engaged at present and in the years that have passed has built up an establishment which is a credit to the city. He carries a complete and first class line of goods and his patronage extends far beyond the city limits into the country.

In May, 1895, Mr. Phillips was united in marriage to Charlotte Phillips, a native of Missouri, her people removing to Lucas county while Mrs. Phillips was quite young. Her parents, John D. and Charlotte J. (Parker) Phillips, were natives of Wales and New York, respectively. The father passed away in Lucas, but the mother is still residing there. In their family were seven children.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Phillips have four children: Wendell Herbert, born January 25, 1897, who is attending high school in Lucas; Ward Franklin, born December 13, 1899, and Donald Lester, born December 23, 1903, both attending school; and Clarice Helen, born December 19, 1908.

A man who not only enjoys the privileges of American citizenship, but recognizes its obligations, Mr. Phillips has become connected with the public life of Lucas, which city he served for a term of three years as city clerk about eighteen years ago, occupying the same position at the present time. Bringing ability and experience to his duties, he has made a creditable record and his work in that connection is highly commended by his constituents. He is a republican in his political convictions and always votes for the measures and candidates of that organization. Mrs. Phillips is a member of the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints of Lucas and takes active part in the work of the church. For many years Mr. Phillips has held the position of chancellor of Castle Hall, No. 133, Knights of Pythias, of Lucas, and is at present past chancellor, while he has also been a member of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for the past fifteen years. He takes a deep interest in Pythianism and there is probably no member of the order in southern Iowa who is more proficient in the work. He also is past foreman of the Yeoman and for two years served as clerk of the Modern Woodmen of Lucas. Besides other valuable property he owns his handsome home. Broad and liberal-minded, he takes a deep interest in the welfare of the public and has ably filled every position of honor and trust to which he has been elected. His career is proof of the fact that ambition will win its way and the prominent position which he has attained no one can begrudge him, as it has been earned in a most commendable way.

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#### WILLIAM C. EVANS.

Incessant energy, indefatigable industry and close attention to details are the elements which constitute the success of William C. Evans, one of the prominent agriculturists of Lucas county, where he has extensive holdings of valuable land on sections 1 and 10, Jackson township. Born in Knox-

ville, Knox county, Illinois, on January 23, 1856, he is a son of Joshua Brown and Georgiana (Crawford) Evans, the former a native of Hartford, Connecticut, where he was born in 1824, and the latter of Scotland. His grandfather, in company with Thomas and Joshua Evans at the beginning of the Revolutionary war emigrated to this country from England, enlisting in the American army. The father passed away in Knoxville, Illinois, in 1871, but the mother is still living on the old home farm in Knox county, that state. In their family were eleven children: A. S., deceased; George W., a resident of Lucas, who was born November 14, 1848, and who for the past twenty years has been assessor of Jackson township, Lucas county; Mary, who makes her home with her mother in Knoxville and who for thirty years has taught school in Illinois; Ernest, of Woodburn, Iowa; Eliza, deceased; William C., of this review; Margaret, of Hartford, Connecticut; J. D., deceased; Anna, of Galesburg, Illinois; Ellen, of Knoxville, Illinois; and a daughter who died in infancy.

William C. Evans was reared on the home farm and acquired his education in the schools of the neighborhood. Very early he became acquainted with the details of agriculture and followed farming in the vicinity of his birthplace. Although his early education was very limited he has greatly improved his knowledge by continuous reading and study and is accounted one of the well informed men upon all such subjects as come up in the course of life. He came to Iowa in 1880 and, settling in Jackson township, Lucas county, has followed agricultural pursuits ever since with continued success, giving particular attention to his stock-raising interests. His success is the more remarkable and noteworthy for the reason that when he came here all his worldly possessions consisted of a horse and ten dollars and now he farms three hundred and forty acres, belonging to Mrs. Evans, all well improved and equipped, and he has one hundred and eighty acres, the farms being located on sections 1 and 10. Following scientific and progressive methods, he has increased the value of his property from year to year and his farms today betray by their appearance the prosperity of their owners.

On January 4, 1885, Mr. Evans was united in marriage in Jackson township, Lucas county, to Miss Margaret Ann Ginn, who was born in Wapello county, Iowa, March 11, 1866. While yet a small girl she removed with her parents to Clarke county, this state, where they remained for one year, and in 1879 came to Lucas county. Her parents were Joseph and Eliza Jane (Elder) Ginn, both natives of Ohio. The father died in Lucas county, Iowa, in June, 1903, at the age of seventy-five years, but the mother survives and still resides in Jackson township. Early in life the father made the overland trip to Pike's Peak in search of the precious metal, setting out with an ox team from Ottumwa, Iowa, but the desired success was not to be his. Mr. and Mrs. Ginn had six children: John, who died at the age of two years; Mrs. Evans; William, of Des Moines, Iowa; Albert, deceased; Samuel Tilden, of White Breast township, this county; and Joseph Arthur, living in Jackson township. All of these children were born in Wapello county with the exception of the youngest, who is a native of Lucas. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are the parents of three children, all of whom were born in Jackson township. Jay Harold, the eldest, was born November 25, 1886, attended the common schools of the neighborhood and the public schools of Lucas and then took a commercial course at Simpson

College, at Indianola, Iowa. He also attended college for two years and after graduating from the liberal arts department of the state university at Iowa City taught school for several terms but is at present connected with the Omaha Sanitary Supply Company, of Omaha, Nebraska. Byron, the next in order of birth, born July 11, 1891, passed away shortly after his first birthday, on August 28, 1892. William, who completes the family, was born September 28, 1896, and attends the public schools in the neighborhood of his father's farm.

Mr. Evans is republican in his political views and gives his support to the measures and candidates of that party. Deeply interested in the cause of education, he has efficiently served as school director of his district and is fraternally connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, being a member of the Lucas lodge. Mrs. Evans is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Not only has Mr. Evans been an interested witness of the changes that have made this section one of the richest agricultural regions of the United States but he has been a helpful and cooperant factor in the transformation. A self-made man, he is highly regarded and esteemed wherever known and while he has attained commendable personal prosperity has been a serviceable factor in his community.

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#### HENRY H. BARGER.

Henry H. Barger, successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising upon two hundred acres of land in Lucas, his native county, was born in Union township, November 22, 1860. He is a son of James Madison and Anna Eliza (Willmore) Barger, natives of Rockbridge county, Virginia, the former born in 1823 and the latter in 1825. Their marriage occurred in 1844, and ten years later they came overland to Iowa, settling in Union township in pioneer times. Here both passed away, the father dying August 28, 1882, and the mother January 20, 1904. Ten children were born to their union: John W., whose birth occurred on the 7th of March, 1845, and who died on the 5th of November, 1912; Mrs. Jane E. Courtney, who was born in April, 1847, and who is now residing in Orange, California; Josiah A., whose birth occurred December 12, 1849, also of Orange, California; Eli D., who was born August 5, 1851, and who died in 1908; Isaiah, who resides in Warren township; George W., who was born on the 6th of June, 1856, and who resides in Colorado; Virginia A., who was born May 16, 1858, and died at the age of nineteen years; Henry H., of this review; Jasper N., who was born March 7, 1863, and who is now a resident of Plattsmouth, Nebraska; and Mrs. Elva Anderson, who was born February 21, 1867, now a resident of Kansas City, Missouri. The five eldest children were born in Virginia and the remainder are natives of Iowa.

Henry H. Barger was reared upon his father's farm in Union township and from his childhood assisted with its operation, becoming at an early age thoroughly familiar with the best agricultural methods. When he began his independent career he naturally turned his attention to the occupation to which he had been reared and since that time has been engaged in farming and



stock-raising, being today numbered among the prominent and successful agriculturists of his native township. He owns two hundred acres of land lying on sections 1, 11 and 12 and has made substantial improvements upon this property, erecting good barns, granaries and outbuildings and installing the necessary machinery. His stock-raising interests claim a great deal of his attention and, being capably conducted, are an important source of income to him.

Mr. Barger has been twice married. He wedded first, in 1885, Miss Mary E. Skidmore, a native of Jackson township, who died in Union township, leaving two daughters: Mrs. Abna Terhune, who was born July 23, 1886, and who is now living in Woodburn, Iowa; and Mrs. Eva Melvin, who was born April 17, 1890, and who is now residing in Derby. In 1897 Mr. Barger was again married, his second union being with Miss Alice Cottrell, born near Indianola, Iowa, October 8, 1876. She is a daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Eliza (Hampton) Cottrell, both of whom have passed away, the mother dying in January, 1913. In the Cottrell family are four children, Vinton, Robert, Rhoda and Alice, the wife of the subject of this review. Mr. and Mrs. Barger have four children: Lola Fay, who was born October 20, 1898; Zella Marie, born March 27, 1900; Hal Edwin, born April 24, 1901; and Gerald Henry, born June 11, 1906. All are attending public school in this locality.

Mr. Barger gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has served as a committeeman for a number of years. He is interested in the cause of education and is doing able and effective work as a member of the school board. He is a man of high integrity and force of character, enjoying in large measure the friendship of those with whom he has been brought in contact, and his life of well directed activity has gained him a creditable place in local agricultural circles.

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#### EMANUEL HENRY.

Emanuel Henry is living retired in Derby after twenty-nine years close association with farming interests of Warren township. Well directed labor, untiring industry and firm determination have guided and directed the activities of his career and have brought him success and a comfortable fortune which enables him to spend the declining years of his life in rest and retirement. He was born in Pennsylvania, March 13, 1833, and is a son of Martin and Wilhelmina Henry, also natives of that state, who afterward moved to Ohio where their deaths occurred. Twelve children were born to their union, of whom four still survive, as follows: Mrs. Catharine Winters of Ohio; Emanuel of this review; Caroline, who resides in Ohio; and Jeremiah, of the same state. Of the deceased members of this family, two, Martin and Eli, died while in the army during the Civil war.

Emanuel Henry was five years of age when he moved with his parents to Richland county, Ohio, and he there grew to manhood, acquiring his education in the district schools. After laying aside his books he moved to Union City,

where he was married and thence to Delaware county, Indiana. He turned his attention to farming there and remained until the fall of 1873, when he moved into Iowa, settling in Warren township, Lucas county. There for a period of twenty-nine years thereafter he remained active in agricultural pursuits, operating an excellent farm which he made productive and valuable by his own well directed and practical labors. In the course of years he accumulated a comfortable fortune and in 1902 retired from active life, moving to Derby where he has since resided. He owns here a comfortable, well furnished and modern home with beautiful grounds and is enjoying the fruits of his former period of toil and labor.

In Darke county, Ohio, on the 11th of January, 1855, Mr. Henry was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Dale, who was born in Miami county, that state, December 3, 1835. She is a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Howser) Dale, natives of Ohio, and early settlers in Darke county. Both have passed away, dying in Warren township, this county, the father at the age of seventy and the mother at seventy-six. Six children were born to their union: Paul, deceased; Mrs. Henry, wife of the subject of this review; Jacob, who resides in Ottumwa, Iowa; Abraham, of Mystic, Iowa; John, who makes his home in Creston; and Adam, of White Breast township. All the above children were born in Ohio, the eldest in Miami county and the others in Darke county. Mr. and Mrs. Henry became the parents of nine children: Mrs. Elizabeth Christy, who was born April 16, 1857, and who resides in Hoisington, Kansas; Jacob, whose birth occurred October 6, 1859, and who makes his home in Warren township; Mrs. Mary Catharine Magill, who was born February 3, 1862, and who has passed away; Andrew, who was born January 5, 1864, and who resides in Kansas; Mrs. Martha Decker, born February 27, 1866, residing in Saskatchewan, Canada; Mrs. Emma Bowman, born August 9, 1868, living at Promise City, Iowa; John William, who was born July 23, 1870, and who has passed away; Emanuel, Jr., born December 20, 1872, living with his parents in Derby; and Frank, who was born April 19, 1877, and who died in infancy. The elder children were born in Indiana and Illinois and the youngest one in Iowa. All were reared in Warren township. Mr. and Mrs. Henry have twenty living grandchildren, eighteen of whom were reared in this part of the state.

Mr. Henry is a member of the German Baptist church of Warren township and he is a democrat in his political beliefs, taking an intelligent interest in public affairs. By years of incessant labor he has secured a comfortable fortune which enables him to spend the last years of his life in retirement, enjoying the peace and happiness which come from the consciousness of worthy work well done and an upright life well lived.

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#### A. G. CHERRYHOLMES.

A. G. Cherryholmes, prominently connected with business interests of Derby as a partner in the hardware firm of Cherryholmes & Nessen, is numbered among the pioneers in Lucas county, his residence here dating from 1854. This has covered the period of the section's greatest growth and development

and although he was still a child at that time, he afterward bore his full share in the work of progress, his activities promoting the agricultural development of his township and later the mercantile growth of the city where he now makes his home. He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the 27th of August, 1852, and is a son of John and Mary (Norris) Cherryholmes, natives of that state, the father born in 1804 and the mother in 1819. They left Port Washington, Ohio, in a covered wagon on the 20th of September, 1854, and arrived in Union township, Lucas county, on November 8th of the same year. They settled on a farm here when pioneer conditions prevailed everywhere, the settlements being sparse and the houses between their property and Chariton few and far between. The father continued to develop his holdings, becoming one of the prosperous and substantial farmers in this locality, dying upon his property in Union township in 1889. His wife survived him some years, passing away in 1894. In their family were eight children: W. H., deceased; Joseph, whose home is in Kansas; Rhoda and a daughter (unnamed), both of whom died in infancy; A. G., of this review; Mrs. Amanda E. Gibbs, of Humes-ton; Mrs. Ruth Brevard, of Colorado; and J. D., of Taylor county, Iowa. The five eldest children were born in Ohio and the three youngest in Union township, but all were reared in Lucas county.

A. G. Cherryholmes was only two years of age when he came with his parents to Lucas county and amid the pioneer conditions then prevailing he grew to manhood, attending the district school and when not engaged with his books assisting with the work of the homestead. When he began his independent career he naturally turned his attention to the occupation to which he had been reared and he followed farming in Union township until 1897, when he moved into Derby, where he has since resided. On the 4th of October, 1905, he formed a partnership with Mr. Nessen and they entered into the hardware and implement business in Derby under the firm name of Cherryholmes & Nessen. They deal in all kinds of shelf and heavy hardware, vehicles and farm implements, conducting one of the largest enterprises of this character in this section, and they have been accorded a liberal and representative patronage, for their prices are at all times reasonable and their business methods honorable and straightforward. Mr. Cherryholmes is known as a resourceful, farsighted and progressive business man and his success is the direct result of ability combined with industry.

In 1881 Mr. Cherryholmes was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Brevard, who was born in Indiana on the 26th of June, 1851, a daughter of Jonathan and Charity (Marsh) Brevard, natives of that state. They came overland to Clarke county, Iowa, in 1864 and settled on a farm there on which they continued to reside until their deaths. In their family were the following children: Mrs. Rachel A. Brower, James Martin and Jesse M., all of whom are deceased; Mrs. Jane Crawford, of Nebraska; Mrs. Cherryholmes, wife of the subject of this sketch; Isaac, whose home is in Colorado; Mrs. Amanda Folk, of Washington; and John F., of Clarke county, Iowa. All of these children were born in Indiana with the exception of Mrs. Crawford and Charles W. Mr. and Mrs. Cherryholmes became the parents of one daughter, Araminta, who died in infancy.

Fraternally Mr. Cherryholmes is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Yeomen and his wife holds membership in the Rebekahs. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and has served ably and creditably as road supervisor and assessor of Derby. A public-spirited and progressive citizen, he is interested in the welfare of the section to which he came in pioneer times and is active in promoting its growth. Business men respect him for his integrity and his straightforward dealings and wherever he is known he holds the esteem and confidence of all who are associated with him.

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### ISAAC M. TAYLOR.

Isaac M. Taylor, a worthy native son of Lucas county and a representative of an honored pioneer family of Union township, owns and operates a well improved farm of three hundred and thirty-two acres in Union and Warren townships and has resided thereon from his birth to the present time. He was born on the 10th of December, 1860, his parents being Jacob and Mary (McKnight) Taylor, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Virginia. Jacob Taylor came to this county in 1854, when a young man of eighteen years, making the overland journey with an ox team. Here he spent the remainder of his life, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits until he passed away in Union township in 1872. His wife, who had made the overland journey to Iowa in company with her parents in 1856, died in Union township, Lucas county, in 1870. They were well known and highly esteemed here, and in their passing the community lost two of its honored pioneer residents. Their children, six in number and all natives of Union township, were as follows: Mary Virginia, who is deceased; Isaac M., of this review; John Everett, who resides in the North Yakima valley of Washington; William P., of Warren township, this county; Eugene, deceased; and a son who died in infancy.

Isaac M. Taylor first attended the district school near his father's farm and subsequently continued his studies in the public schools of Derby. The place on which he was born has remained his home to the present time, and early in life he became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. The pursuits of farming and stock-raising have claimed his attention throughout his entire business career and he now owns three hundred and thirty-two acres of valuable land in Union and Warren townships, with two sets of excellent improvements. His live stock is of good grade and this branch of his business has added materially to his yearly income. He annually harvests bounteous crops which find a ready sale on the market and has long been numbered among the prosperous agriculturists and representative citizens of his community.

On the 22d of February, 1882, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Joanna McCullough, whose birth occurred in Greene county, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of September, 1857, her parents being Thomas and Elizabeth (Webster) McCullough, likewise natives of that county. Following the death of Thomas McCullough, which occurred in Greene county, Pennsylvania, his widow came with her family to Lucas county, Iowa, in 1875, and here spent the remainder



of her life. Her children were seven in number, namely: Canada, who is deceased; William, a resident of Chanute, Kansas; John, who makes his home in Concordia, Kansas; Mrs. Joanna Taylor; Joseph Leroy, who passed away in Kansas; George L., living in Lakin, Kansas; and Charles Ellsworth, of Wayne county, Iowa. All were natives of Greene county, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have become the parents of four children, all of whom were born on the same farm in Union township where the father first saw the light of day. The record is as follows: Carl E., whose birth occurred on the 24th of June, 1883, and who resides with his parents on the home farm; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Newsome, born March 14, 1885, who is a resident of Union township; Charles, who was born September 10, 1888, and resides with his parents; and Ray, who was born on the 19th of August, 1890, and also lives in Union township. The two eldest sons attended the Capital City Commercial College of Des Moines, Iowa, Carl being a graduate of that institution and Charles pursuing his studies there for one year.

Mr. Taylor is a democrat in politics and has served in the capacity of township trustee for four years, having also held the office of road supervisor. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Derby, while his wife is a member of the Baptist church at May. He is a public-spirited and progressive citizen whose aid and cooperation can ever be counted upon to further any movement or measure instituted to promote the general welfare. That his life has ever been upright and honorable is indicated in the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his staunch friends and admirers.

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#### CHARLES H. DAVIS.

Charles H. Davis, controlling an important and lucrative business in Derby as a real-estate agent, has been a resident of Lucas county since 1875 and has been prominently connected with business affairs in this city for about thirty-three years. He was born in Schuyler county, Missouri, in Lancaster, December 15, 1853, and is a son of William J. and Nancy I. (Roe) Davis, natives of Virginia, the former born October 14, 1823, and the latter April 22, 1826. The parents removed from Missouri to Illinois where they remained for two years, going from there to Virginia. The father was well known in military circles there, being second lieutenant in the Twentieth Virginia Regiment, State Militia, commissioned May, 1844, the document being dated at Richmond, July 3, 1844, and signed by James McDowell, governor of the state. From Virginia Mr. and Mrs. William Davis moved to Kentucky and there on the 1st of September, 1861, the father enlisted in the Union army, joining Company I, Third Kentucky Volunteer Regiment, and dying while in the service of his country on October 15, 1862. Three of his brothers were also members of the Union army. Mr. Davis' wife survived him many years, dying in Derby, May 18, 1906. She was a granddaughter of John and Nancy Roe, the former born October 22, 1769, and the latter December 30, 1770. Her parents were Edmund and Isabella Roe, the former of whom was born May 9, 1797, and died in 1882. The latter's birth

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occurred December 29, 1796, and her death in 1883. This family also sent a representative to the battlefields of the Civil war, Edward Washington Roe, uncle of the subject of this review, having been killed at the siege of Vicksburg. Mr. and Mrs. William J. Davis became the parents of seven children: a son who was born December 19, 1845, and who died in infancy; James A., born April 14, 1847, who died April 3, 1907; John W., who was born March 9, 1850, and who resides in Oklahoma; Edward, who was born June 6, 1852, and who died February 7, 1853; Charles H., of this review; Tolbert H., who was born November 25, 1856, and who died November 6, 1860; and Mrs. Sarah Isabelle Patton, who was born August 24, 1859, and who died at Shenandoah, Iowa, May 27, 1887.

Charles H. Davis was reared in Kentucky and acquired his education in the public schools of that state. After laying aside his books he turned his attention to farming and this occupation he followed for some years thereafter, first in Kentucky and then in Lucas county, Iowa, where he removed in 1875. He engaged in agricultural pursuits here for five years and at the end of that time moved into Derby where, with the exception of two years, he has since continued an esteemed and respected resident. For sixteen years after his arrival here he conducted a large and profitable mercantile establishment, building up an extensive and representative patronage which was accorded him in recognition of his upright and honorable business methods, his progressive standards and his earnest desire to please his customers. When he disposed of this enterprise he turned his attention to banking and for two years thereafter acted as assistant cashier of the Home State Bank of Hometown. He then entered into partnership with Mr. Crocker of Chariton and together they established a bank in Derby, which under their able management became one of the strong and reliable moneyed institutions of this part of the state. Mr. Davis severed his connection with banking interests here in 1905 and about 1908 accepted the appointment of postmaster of the city, discharging his important duties in a prompt, capable and thoroughly satisfactory way. Failing health obliged him to resign this office and he has since that time devoted his attention to the real-estate business, handling a great deal of valuable property. He has at different times owned a number of fine farms in Lucas county and is now the proprietor of one hundred and sixty acres of choice land in Kansas, besides having a half interest in a forty acre tract in Union township and ten acres adjoining Derby. He has dealt extensively in Derby town property and his own home in this city is an attractive, modern and comfortable residence.

On the 7th of February, 1875, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Susan M. Sowder, who was born in Claiborne county, Tennessee, January 6, 1851. She is a daughter of Henry M. and Rachel (Osmus) Sowder, also natives of that state, the father residing in Lucas county, where the mother passed away. In this family were twelve children: Mrs. Ann C. Smith, of Washington, D. C.; Jane, who died in infancy; Mrs. Davis, wife of the subject of this review; David L., residing in Union township; Mrs. Mollie Woods, deceased; William H., who resides in Lucas county; Benjamin F., deceased; Emanuel M., who makes his home in Derby; Malinda, who died at the age of eighteen; Cordelia, who passed away at the age of sixteen; Mrs. Sarah Smith of Hometown, Iowa; and a son, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Davis became the parents of four children: William H., who was born April 13, 1878, and who is now engaged in the real-

estate business in Chillicothe, Missouri; Flora B., who was born September 28, 1879, and who died September 14, 1881; Frances M., who was born December 5, 1880, and who died February 16, 1881; and Robert T., who was born May 25, 1883, and who is now residing at Verndale, Minnesota.

It is not alone along business lines that Charles H. Davis has done splendid work for Derby, for he has been a force in the political life of the city for more than a quarter of a century and through active official service has done much to promote material development. As mayor he gave to Derby a straightforward, businesslike and constructive administration, and he was for twenty years township clerk and a member of the school board. During the long period of his residence here no progressive public project has lacked his hearty cooperation and intelligent support, and his name stands for progress, reform and advancement along all lines.

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#### DAVID WESTFALL.

David Westfall, the oldest surviving native son of Union township, is living retired in his beautiful home in Indianola, and has made his surroundings reflect his personality and the love of nature and beauty, which has been developed in him in the course of his active and honorable life. His house is set in the midst of gardens which have been the object of his personal care and attention, and nothing has been neglected which will add to the attractiveness of the place which is today one of the most pleasing features of the landscape. Mr. Westfall's present period of leisure has come as the reward of earnest, straightforward and well directed work in the past, for he was for many years closely identified with farming, stock-raising and stock buying interests here and his present comfortable fortune is visible evidence of his business ability and sound judgment. His birth occurred November 5, 1852, his parents being Granville and Jeannette (Teal) Westfall, the former born in Jackson county, West Virginia, March 3, 1829, and the latter in Rockbridge county, Virginia, October 26, 1830. In the fall of 1849 the parents made the overland journey into Iowa and settled in Union township where both remained until death. At the time of their arrival pioneer conditions prevailed everywhere, the unbroken prairie stretched for miles in every direction and wild game was plentiful in the fields and woods. There were no railroads and the Indians were the most numerous inhabitants. In this frontier settlement Mr. and Mrs. Westfall founded a home, facing bravely the hardships and privations of pioneer life and evolving out of the wilderness a profitable and productive farm. They became well known and highly respected in this community where they were recognized as people of many sterling traits of character and upright and honorable in all their relations of life. The mother died in Union township November 25, 1885 and the father survived her until December 17, 1891, passing away in Jackson county, West Virginia, while on a visit. Fourteen children were born to their union: Mrs. Martha Troutman, who was born October 20, 1849, now residing in Union township; Clark, who was born March 6, 1851 and who died in this township; David, of this review; Franklin, whose birth occurred November 26, 1854, and who died in Walla Walla, Wash-

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ington, January 17, 1885; Alfred, who was born November 13, 1856, and who died in infancy; John P., whose birth occurred December 27, 1857, and who resides in Le Roy, Iowa; George, who was born February 15, 1860 and who makes his home in Derby; Mrs. Flora Kyner, who was born November 28, 1861, and who is now a resident of Humeston; Mrs. Victoria Kyner, born February 25, 1864, a resident of the same city; Henry, born March 17, 1866, who lives in Union township; Justin, who was born April 6, 1868, and who makes his home in Derby; Lucinda, whose birth occurred November 2, 1870, and who died December 26, 1885; Jo Ann, who was born December 23, 1871, and who passed away August 29, 1872; and Charlie, also deceased.

David Westfall grew to manhood in Union township, and acquired his education in district school. He learned the details of farm operation by assisting with the work of the homestead and when he began his independent career naturally turned his attention to the occupation to which he had been reared. He purchased land and gave a great deal of time to its improvement and cultivation, his efforts through the years being rewarded by a substantial degree of success. In addition to general farming Mr. Westfall was also closely identified with stock-raising and stock-buying interests and became well known throughout the township as a farsighted, progressive and enterprising business man. His landed holdings are today extensive, comprising one hundred and forty-one acres on Union township and sixty-two acres in Warren township, both farms being improved with modern buildings and equipped with everything necessary for their successful operation. Mr. Westfall spends part of his time at Derby supervising his property interests, but has practically retired from active life and resides in Indianola with his son and grandchildren whom he regards as especially entrusted to his care. Here he has built a modern and beautiful home, one of the finest in Iowa, and having accumulated a comfortable supply of this world's goods, is spending his retired life in ease and enjoyment. He takes a great and justifiable pride in his home which is well furnished and completely equipped with all modern conveniences and many luxuries and which has besides been built with an eye to beauty and attractiveness. This idea has been carried out in its surroundings also, for the house is set in the midst of flower gardens and fine shade trees which beautify a well kept lawn. There are also vegetable gardens and attractive shrubbery, and Mr. Westfall gives a great deal of time to the care of his grounds, for he believes in living close to nature and loves flowers and trees and everything connected with the out-of-doors.

On the 8th of April, 1873, Mr. Westfall was united in marriage to Miss Malissa A. McMains, who was born in Jefferson county, this state, August 22, 1850, a daughter of James and Catharine (Sears) McMains, pioneer settlers in Lucas county, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Westfall became the parents of a son, Ernest B., who was born in Union township, September 16, 1876. The latter grew to manhood in this community and on January 2, 1898, married Lola D. Tedrick, a native of Warren township, born November 28, 1878. She was a daughter of John F. and Emma (Westfall) Tedrick, residents of Warren township. In this family were four children: Mrs. Ernest Westfall; Ralph, who resides in California; Mrs. Bertha Dobel, also of California; and Otis of the same state. These children were all born and reared in Warren township. Mrs. Ernest Westfall passed away at

Indianola July 1, 1909, and is buried at Derby. She and her husband became the parents of the following children. Wilma was born in Derby, November 15, 1898, and was graduated from the eighth grade of the Indianola public school in 1913. She is considered one of the best penmen of her age and expects to enter high school in the fall of this year. Winnefred was born August 8, 1900. Alta's birth occurred on the 29th of July, 1902. Helen was born at Redland, California, October 25, 1904. These children and their father make their home with Mr. and Mrs. David Westfall, who are very fond of their granddaughters and do everything in their power for their comfort and welfare.

Mr. Westfall gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is interested in the growth and development of the township where his entire life has been spent. He has been township clerk and school director and proved an efficient and reliable public official, discharging his duties ably and with a conscientious sense of responsibility. He represents one of the first pioneer families of this county and has an extensive acquaintance within its borders, his upright life and honorable character having won him high regard and widespread esteem.

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#### CHARLES A. PETTYJOHN.

Charles A. Pettyjohn, prominently connected with business interests of Chariton as a successful mason, is a native of Iowa, born in Marion county, one and one-third miles east of Columbia, March 14, 1875. He is a son of Peter and Amanda (Rogers) Pettyjohn, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of Tennessee. The parents settled in Wapello county, Iowa, at a very early date and four years later removed to Marion county, while subsequently they came to Pleasant township, Lucas county, where the father engaged in farming. He is still residing in this section of Lucas county and is widely and favorably known. He and his wife became the parents of the following children: Martha Jane, deceased; James Austin, a native of Marion county, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Sanders, who resides in Pleasant township; Joseph, of Monroe county; Mrs. Sarah Antrim, of Nebraska; Mrs. Emma Adamson, a resident of Quincy, Illinois; Mrs. Melinda Booth, whose home is near Attica, Iowa; Peter David, who resides near Carlisle, Iowa; George, deceased; Mrs. Nancy Perry, of King City, Missouri; and Charles A., the subject of this review.

Charles A. Pettyjohn remained in Marion county until he was six years of age and then accompanied his parents to Pleasant township, where he attended the public schools. After a time the family moved two miles west from their original location and here Mr. Pettyjohn of this review continued his studies and also assisted his father with the work of the farm. After attaining his majority he learned the mason's trade under F. A. Stafford and after serving a four years' apprenticeship came to Chariton, where he has since resided. He has followed his trade since he began his active career and has met with that success which comes in recognition of reliable and trustworthy work and straightforward and honorable business methods.



On the 24th of July, 1900, Mr. Pettyjohn was united in marriage to Miss Maude M. Dawson, who was born in Chariton, May 26, 1884, a daughter of William and Lorenda (Schofield) Dawson, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Tennessee, both of whom reside in Chariton. They became the parents of twelve children, six of whom survive: Mrs. Louise Madis, of Lehigh, Iowa; Edward, of Kingsville, Missouri; Charles, a resident of Davenport, Iowa; Harry, of Creston, this state; Mrs. Pettyjohn, wife of the subject of this review; and Boyd B., born March 14, 1892, now a resident of Chariton. Mr. and Mrs. Pettyjohn have become the parents of six children: Harold Nelson, born April 30, 1902; Roland Roy, born April 12, 1904; Laura Irene and Loren Iverne, twins, born December 13, 1906; Vera Dorothy, who was born in Nebraska, August 4, 1909; and Duane Grant, born November 30, 1911, at Chariton.

Mr. Pettyjohn gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is active and progressive in matters of citizenship, taking an intelligent interest in the welfare and growth of the community. He owns a comfortable and well furnished home in Chariton with a large acreage and he is well known and highly esteemed in the city.

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#### SAMUEL L. WILLIAMS.

A native of Warren township, Lucas county, Samuel L. Williams has here spent his entire life with the exception of ten years during which he was a resident of Kansas. Formerly engaged in farming, he turned his attention to carpentering in 1908, which occupation he has since followed with gratifying success. Samuel L. Williams was born September 30, 1866, a son of Parkison and Sarah J. (Essex) Williams, of whom more extended mention is made under the heading of Parkison Williams.

Samuel L. Williams was reared and attended school in Warren township, spending the major portion of his life on the old homestead and assisting in its operation. He spent ten years in Kansas, however, but then returned to his former home. In the meantime he had taken up the carpenter's trade, in which occupation he has since been successful.

Mr. Williams was married in 1891 to Miss Laura E. Clayton, who was born in Wayne county, Iowa, May 8, 1874. She was brought by her parents to Lucas county when a child and grew to womanhood here. Her parents are William and Elizabeth (Wright) Clayton, who came from Wayne county to Lucas county and are now residents of Chariton. In their family were the following children: Florence, deceased; Mrs. Samuel L. Williams; Mrs. Mellicie Graham, who resides in Oregon; Mrs. Annie Lewis of Chariton; Alvin, deceased; Henry, who makes his home in Chariton; Mrs. Essie McCulloch, of the same city; and Carl, who makes his home with his parents in Chariton. The two eldest of these children were born in Wayne county and the remainder in Lucas county. Mr. and Mrs. Williams became the parents of seven children: Herbert R., born March 13, 1893, still at home; Dorothy Steva, born July 20, 1895, who died December 3, 1896; Mamie L., born January 10, 1901; Gerald, whose date of birth was September 23, 1903; Orlo B., whose birth oc-



curred November 26, 1905; Gladys M., born January 29, 1908; and Robert D., born May 19, 1911. The three elder children were born in Wayne county and the younger ones in Stafford county, Kansas. Mrs. Williams is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, taking an active and helpful interest in its work.

Politically Mr. Williams is a republican, giving his unqualified support to the measures and candidates of that party. However, he has never taken more than a citizen's interest in politics, not caring for public office. He is public-spirited in the best sense of the word and is interested in all that pertains to the progress of his section. He enjoys in large measure the confidence and good-will of his fellow citizens and is one of the valued and esteemed residents of Warren township.

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#### WILLIAM L. EVANS.

The name of Evans needs no introduction to the readers of a history of Wayne county, for it has been an honored one in this part of Iowa for over fifty years and has been borne by some of the most worthy and respected citizens in America since prerevolutionary times. One of the most progressive and successful representatives of this family at the present time is William L. Evans, one of the extensive landowners and practical agriculturists of Wayne county, his native section. He was born on the 28th of March, 1859, and is a son of Aaron and Matilda (Baker) Evans. The father was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, a son of James and Rachel Evans. The family line can be traced back through successive generations from father to son until it reaches Evan Evans, a native of Wales, who founded the family in America, settling in what is now Geigertown, Pennsylvania, before the year 1753. He served in some of the Indian and Colonial wars and was a soldier in the Continental army during the American Revolution, serving in Captain John Robeson's Company of the Pennsylvania State Militia. His grandson, James Evans, married Rachel Blankley, a daughter of George Blankley, who served as sergeant in Captain Jacob Huffman's Company of the First Regiment of Pennsylvania Riflemen in the War of 1812. His son, Hiram Evans, enlisted for the Mexican war but did not see active service. However, at the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was promoted from the rank of lieutenant to that of captain, resigning after two years of able service on account of disability. Previous to this time and afterward he farmed in Iowa, taking up government land in Davis county and then in Wayne county, where he resided until his death.

Aaron Evans, the father of the subject of this review, came to Bentonsport, Iowa, about the year 1856 and in the following year settled in Wayne county, where he acquired eighty acres of government land which by judicious investments he increased until he owned six hundred and forty acres. For many years he was successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits but the last eighteen years of his life were spent in Seymour, where he had important business connections, being identified with the management of several of the city

banks and holding title to valuable tracts of town property. He was a republican in his political beliefs and was a devout member of the Methodist church. In Masonry he had attained a distinguished place, holding membership in the lodge, chapter and commandery. He was in all the relations of his life an upright, straightforward and honorable gentleman and his death, which was widely and deeply regretted, was felt as a distinct loss to the community in which he had so long resided. His wife was a daughter of Moses Baker, of Ohio, who came to Van Buren county, Iowa, about the year 1856 and removed to Wayne county in 1858. He followed farming during the remainder of his life. The mother of our subject was a devout member of the Methodist church. Her death occurred on the 25th of August, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Evans became the parents of twelve children: William L., of this review; George L., a farmer near Seymour, who is married and has six children; Mary F., who passed away in 1886; Sarah May, who married F. A. Eastman, a retired farmer of Wichita, Kansas, by whom she has twelve children; James A., a farmer near Seymour, who is married and has six children; Charles Russell, a painter and paperhanger, who resides near Seymour; John C., who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Wayne county and who is married and the father of three children; Laura, who became the wife of George Tomlinson, a resident of Seymour, by whom she has two children; Lottie M., who married H. M. Lord, of Seymour, by whom she has three children; and Lucy, Rachel and Janie, all of whom have passed away.

William L. Evans acquired a public-school education in the Iowa schools and spent his childhood upon his father's farm. In September, 1880, he began his independent agricultural career, moving upon a tract of land which was presented to him by his father. To this he added property which he acquired by purchase and in all had eighty acres. With characteristic energy he applied himself to the improvement and development of this farm, at intervals adding to his holdings until today he owns three hundred and twenty acres, one of the most valuable agricultural properties in this part of the state. He does not reside upon his farm but has a beautiful home in Seymour, where his attention is given to his extensive business interests. He owns a great deal of city real estate and is otherwise influentially connected with important local enterprises.

On the 12th of February, 1880, Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Mary Gump, of Wayne county, a daughter of Isaac and Diana (Parks) Gump, natives of Pennsylvania. Their marriage occurred in West Virginia and about the year 1853 they came to Iowa and the father followed farming in Wayne county for more than twenty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have become the parents of five children: Martin Luther, who is engaged in teaching school in Spokane, Washington; James Clyde; Montella, who married Miss Bertha Walker and with his wife and three children resides upon the home farm; Ida May, who married Otto Naylor, a farmer in Polk county, by whom she has two children; and William Hiram, a bookkeeper in Des Moines. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are members of the Methodist church.

Since 1881 Mr. Evans has been connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has been through all the chairs of that organization. He gives a loyal support to the men and measures of the republican party and for over

seventeen years has been prominent in township affairs, holding many township offices. For well over a quarter of a century he has been influentially associated with the agricultural and business interests of his community and his high standards of integrity, his conscientiousness and uprightness have earned him the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens. He always gives his influence and aid to progressive public measures and stands uniformly on the side of justice, truth and right in public as well as private relations.

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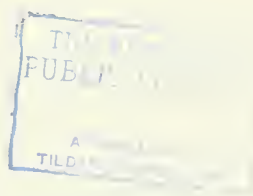
#### WHITFIELD W. CLORE.

A factor in progress and advancement, always willing to bear his share of time or money toward any worthy public enterprise, Whitfield W. Clore occupies an important position in the life of Lucas county, Iowa, where he owns a highly productive farm of four hundred and sixty acres located on sections 10, 13, 14, 23 and 24, Otter Creek township. Broad and liberal-minded, he has become a power in his locality and his labors have not only been conducive to his own prosperity but have raised the moral, intellectual and material standards.

Born in Parke county, Indiana, on December 31, 1859, he is a son of Howard and Sarah (Deere) Clore, natives of Kentucky, in which state the father was born in 1818. The father subsequently removed to Indiana where the family settled in Parke county and where both he and his wife became prominent and widely and favorably known. He passed away in that state in 1895, long surviving his wife, whose death occurred in 1872, also in that state. In their family were five children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Henry H., who resides in Indiana; Sarah, also a resident of that state; Howard D., born November 11, 1857, who makes his home in Otter Creek township, this county; and Whitfield W., of this review. All of these children were born in Indiana.

Whitfield W. Clore was reared under the parental roof and in the acquirement of his education attended the schools near his father's farm. He remained in his native state until about twenty-seven years of age, when, in May, 1886, he came to Otter Creek township, Lucas county, settling on sections 24 and 13, purchasing land on which he engaged in agricultural pursuits, giving part of his time to stock-raising. Energetic and industrious, success has attended his labors and he is now well known as one of the successful stock feeders of the township, specializing in full blooded Percheron horses and Hereford cattle. Diligence and earnest efforts have resulted in a competence and today he owns four hundred and sixty acres of land, all under high cultivation and equipped with two sets of improvements. His well repaired barns and outbuildings, his modern and up-to-date implements and his richly-bearing fields bespeak the prosperity of their owner. The family residence is equipped with all modern conveniences, is commodious and comfortable and rivals in elegance any city home. As his means have increased Mr. Clore has made other judicious investments and owns four hundred acres of excellent land in Texas. There his eldest son now resides.

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On March 18, 1890, Mr. Clore was united in marriage to Miss Ella F. Bond, who was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, on September 27, 1868, having always remained a resident of this state. Her parents were George T. and Margaret (Johnson) Bond, natives of Maryland, who died in Otter Creek township, the former on February 14, 1884, and the latter on February 16, 1908. In their family were seven children, of whom two are living, Mrs. Clore's older brother, Charles R. Bond, being mentioned at length on another page of this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Clore became the parents of two sons, both of whom were born at the home farm in Otter Creek township. Wayne Leland, born January 3, 1891, acquired his early education in the common schools, subsequently spending one year at the Chariton high school and a year and a half in the seminary of Simpson College, at Indianola. He resides at present in Texas. Charles Ober, born August 14, 1892, makes his home with his father.

Politically Mr. Clore is a republican, well informed upon the issues of the day and taking an active and helpful interest in the community's welfare. Mrs. Clore is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Norwood, to which organization and its allied societies she gives her material and moral support. Both she and her husband are highly regarded and esteemed in Otter Creek township and Lucas county where they are well and favorably known, having won good-will and high regard by their many high qualities of mind and character. The success Mr. Clore has attained is well earned and well merited for it is the outcome of a life rich in effort and labor, a just return which none can begrudge him.

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#### BERT I. JAMES.

Bert I. James holds the position of rural free delivery carrier out of Derby and with his wife is a partner in the conduct of the Derby Hotel. A spirit of enterprise and progress has actuated him through all his career and has brought him at an early age a degree of success which places him among the substantial men of the city. He was born at a point two miles north and one-half mile east of Columbia, Marion county, Iowa, April 10, 1886, his parents being Charles and Rebecca E. (Mathis) James, the former a resident of the vicinity of Corydon, Wayne county, Iowa. The mother passed away in Marion county on February 14, 1893.

On the paternal side Mr. James is a grandson of Enos James, who came as a pioneer with his family to Warren township, Lucas county, where they settled near Derby. Enos James, after the death of his wife, returned to Illinois, where he passed away. Charles James, the father of our subject, was born in that state on the 8th of August, 1864. He was taken to Iowa when a small boy by his parents, and after the death of his mother returned with his father to Illinois. Subsequently he came back to Iowa as a young man, going to Marion county, where on the 2d of October, 1884, he was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca E. Mathis. The latter was the second in a family of three daughters, being born January 8, 1867. Her parents were William W. and Georgianna

(Wilkerson) Mathis. Her father was born in Jefferson county, Kentucky, on August 20, 1817, and her mother in the same state on August 13, 1833. They were married on January 19, 1864, and soon thereafter came to Marion county, Iowa, to establish a home. They lived on a farm one mile north and three-fourths of a mile west of Columbia for many years or until the death of William W. Mathis, which occurred on the 10th of June, 1904, at the age of eighty-six years, nine months and twenty days. To them were born three children: Mrs. Josephine Crowley, whose birth occurred January 18, 1865; Mrs. Rebecca E. James; and Rilla J., who was born January 23, 1869, and who makes her home with her mother in Columbia, to which city she moved after the death of her husband.

The only issue of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Charles James is Bert L., our subject. The parents lived happily for a few years in their home in Marion county, when on February 14, 1893, the mother was called to her final rest at the early age of twenty-six years, one month and six days. Her husband, Charles James, subsequently removed to Wayne county, Iowa, making his home near Corydon, where he now lives. In 1910 he was again married, his second union being with Miss Bessie Higley, of Wayne county.

Bert L. James was the only child born to his parents. He acquired his education in the public schools of Marion county, and there resided until 1903, when he moved to the vicinity of Derby and obtained employment as a stationary engineer. After two years he was engaged as a substitute rural free delivery carrier and he did such prompt, capable and efficient work that on the 1st of May, 1909, he was appointed regular carrier out of Derby, a position which he still retains. To its duties he adds those connected with the conduct of the Derby Hotel, which he has owned since October, 1912, and with the capable assistance of his wife has made this one of the best institutions of its kind in Lucas county, run on modern, up-to-date lines, and equipped with all the conveniences to be found in the better hosteleries of the middle west.

On the 19th of December, 1906, Mr. James was united in marriage to Miss Margaret E. Rash, who was born in Lucas county, on the 3d of February, 1886, a daughter of William and Belle (Clarke) Rash, the former born in Kentucky, June 20, 1857, and the latter July 14, 1858. The parents came to Iowa and settled in Lucas county in 1863 and have since remained honored residents of this locality. The mother has been twice married and has one son by her former union, Bernard W. Farrel, of Des Moines. Mr. and Mrs. William Rash became the parents of five children: Mrs. James, wife of the subject of this review; Claude, who was born February 1, 1889, and who died in March, 1890; Mrs. Leonie Smith, born November 20, 1891, residing in Derby; Mrs. Hollie Scott, who was born May 16, 1894, and who lives in the vicinity of Derby; and Erma, whose birth occurred on the 8th of January, 1896, and who resides with her parents. All the above children were born and reared in Lucas county. Mr. and Mrs. James have two children: Evelyn Maxine, born May 4, 1908; and Olin M., born April 16, 1911.

Mr. James gives his political allegiance to the republican party and as a loyal and progressive citizen takes a deep interest in community affairs, giving his hearty support and active cooperation to every worthy public enterprise. His wife is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is widely known

in Derby and the vicinity, not only as a representative of a highly respected pioneer family, but also as a woman of culture, refinement and ability as well as excellent traits of character. Mr. James is fond of the best literature and is a wide reader especially along historical lines where his interests lie to a great extent. Although still a young man he has already gained a creditable measure of success and he possesses in his energy and ability a guaranty of continued progress.

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#### JACOB B. WYATT.

Jacob B. Wyatt, a worthy representative of one of the most prominent and highly respected pioneer families in Iowa, controls extensive property interests in this state, owning two hundred and ten acres of land in Union township, Lucas county, and two hundred and forty in Franklin township, Clarke county, besides a comfortable and well furnished residence in Derby where he makes his home. For a number of years he was closely and influentially associated with agricultural interests in this locality and did a great deal to promote farming development, his success and the honorable methods by which it was attained gaining him the respect and esteem of the entire community. He has now however practically retired from active life and does only a small amount of teaming work, his labors in former years having brought him a substantial fortune which enables him to spend the evening of his life in well earned leisure.

Mr. Wyatt was born in Edgar county, Illinois, on the 27th of June, 1852, and is a son of Sacker Y. and Eliza (Scott) Wyatt, natives of Virginia. They were among the earliest settlers in this part of Iowa, making the journey overland in 1853 and settling in Clarke county, where they made their home for a number of years. They found here a frontier wilderness, with miles of unbroken soil stretching in all directions, sparsely settled, and inhabited mostly by Indians. Here they endured all the hardships and difficulties of pioneer existence, meeting the conditions of their life with confidence and courage, and they eventually developed a well improved and productive farm. The father died in Clarke county at the age of eighty-six and the mother passed away in Lucas county. They had ten children, four of whom grew to maturity, as follows: W. E., a resident of Derby; Jacob, of this review; James, of Montana; and Mrs. Electa Jane Wells, who has passed away.

Jacob Wyatt was only one year old when his parents came overland to Iowa, and in the public schools of Clarke county he acquired his education, dividing his time between his studies and work in clearing, developing and improving the new farm. He thus became thoroughly familiar with all the details of farm operation and when he began his independent career turned his attention to the occupation to which he had been reared. He became a prosperous and successful farmer, acquiring extensive holdings in Clarke and Lucas counties, and proving able, farsighted and discriminating in the conduct of his interests. He owns today two fine farms one of two hundred and ten acres in Union township, Lucas county, and another of two hundred and forty acres in Clarke county, both well



improved and reflecting everywhere the many years of care and labor which the owner has expended upon them. In the course of time Mr. Wyatt accumulated a substantial fortune and feeling that he had earned a period of rest and leisure, moved into Derby where he occupies one of the finest and most modern homes in the town. He engages in teaming to some extent, preferring to have some work to occupy his time and he is well known and highly respected by all who know him.

In Osceola, this state, on the 1st of January, 1872, Mr. Wyatt was united in marriage to Miss Dora E. Wolverton, who was born in Decatur county, Iowa, on the 4th of May, 1856. She is a daughter of John and Rebecca Jane (Swinehart) Wolverton, the former born in Ohio, February 14, 1829, and the latter born January 29, 1833. The father died in Derby, Iowa, December 17, 1907, and his wife survives him, making her home with her son in Derby. They were among the earliest settlers in Decatur county. Mr. and Mrs. Wolverton became the parents of six children: Mrs. Margaret Jane Canfield, who was born May 10, 1853; and who died in 1878; Louise, who was born January 7, 1855, and who passed away on the 9th of January, 1855; Mrs. Dora E. Wyatt, the wife of the subject of this review; Samuel Byron, who was born on the 30th of January, 1859, and who has passed away; John K., who was born April 15, 1870, and resides in Stouts-ville, Missouri; and W. P., of Derby. Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt have two sons: Fred C., born in Clarke county, April 10, 1875; and Ernest Orville, who was born December 5, 1878, and who is now employed in National Park, Montana.

Mr. Wyatt is a devout member of the Christian church and fraternally is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs, of which latter organization his wife is also a member. He and his wife are also members of the Yeomen at Derby. He is a staunch democrat and has held several offices of public trust, in all of which he has proven capable, reliable and efficient in the discharge of his duties. In the course of an active, useful and honorable life he has made many substantial contributions to the agricultural development of this part of Iowa, and his record is a credit to a name that has been a respected and honored one since pioneer times.

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#### WILLIAM J. BURGETT.

William J. Burgett is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Lucas county and was born in Liberty township, December 10, 1862, his parents being Aaron and Nancy (Bowles) Burgett. The father was born in Johnson county, Indiana, October 19, 1841, and the mother was also a native of that state. They were both quite young when they came to Lucas county and settled in Liberty township with their respective parents. To their union were born six children, of whom William J. Burgett of this review is the eldest. The others were: Mrs. Lanna A. Fread, now deceased; John L., who was born March 4, 1869, and resides in Kansas City, Kansas; Henry A., who was born March 8, 1871, and is living in Liberty township; Mrs. Ida E. Luther-Fogle, deceased; and Lydia Belle, who died in infancy. The mother passed away


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in Liberty township, November 24, 1874, and the father afterward married again. There were two children of that marriage: Elmer C., who now resides on the old homestead in Liberty township; and Mrs. Leta V. Fogle, a resident of Colorado. All of the children of both marriages, with the exception of Laura, who was born in Montana, were natives of Liberty township and were educated in the district schools. The father reached a ripe old age, passing away in Liberty township, June 14, 1903.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of life for William J. Burgett until he left home to enter the Ackworth Academy, which he attended for two terms. He afterward engaged in teaching for three terms but has made farming his chief occupation through life and has brought his land to a high state of cultivation owing to his enterprising and progressive methods.

On the 25th of August, 1885, Mr. Burgett was married to Miss Lona Frazer, a teacher, who was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, February 18, 1863, and came to Lucas county with her parents, Otho Shipley and Ann Maria (Lydebotham) Frazer. The family settled in Lincoln township, but in 1871 a removal was made to Liberty township. The father was born in Baltimore, Maryland, November 27, 1819, and died in Chariton, Iowa, March 1, 1890. The mother, whose birth occurred at Endicott Mills, Maryland, June 8, 1825, passed away in Chariton, May 3, 1904. There were nine children in the Frazer family, of whom seven are living: Thomas Shipley, who was born in Perry county, Ohio, January 23, 1847, and now makes his home in Chariton; Franklin Wesley, who was born May 17, 1849, and died August 9, 1855; Mrs. Amorille Virginia Ramsey, who was born September 5, 1851, and resides in California; Benton W., who was born March 29, 1854, and lives in Chariton; Mrs. Esther Josephine Davis, who was born August 15, 1857, and resides in Des Moines, Iowa; Charles Lincoln, who was born September 15, 1860, and passed away October 5, 1863; Mrs. Burgett; Mrs. Lillian May Peck, who was born February 12, 1867, and resides in Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Margaret Caldonia McCollough, who was born April 30, 1869, and lives in Chariton. The five eldest are natives of Perry county, Ohio, while Lincoln and Mrs. Burgett were born in Illinois and the youngest in Lucas county, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgett became the parents of seven children. Marion Vernon, born June 8, 1887, is now a veterinary surgeon connected with the United States bureau of animal industry at St. Louis. Edith Elinor, born December 10, 1888, is teaching school near Russell, Iowa. Mrs. Vivian Irene Stromlund, born March 31, 1890, is living in Salix, Iowa. She was a successful teacher in Lucas county before her marriage. Theressa Odette, born January 29, 1892, is teaching school in English township. Nellie Agnes, born December 9, 1895, is attending the Iowa Teachers' College at Cedar Falls. Leslie Glenn, born December 24, 1898, and Fern Marie, born December 12, 1901, are attending the public schools. In addition to the common-school course Theressa spent a summer in attendance at the Iowa Teachers' College, and the three elder children spent a year at Simpson College and one term at Shenandoah, while Vivian, Theressa and Nellie were students in the academy at Oakley for two years. All this indicates the deep interest felt by Mr. and Mrs. Burgett in the cause of education, showing their desire to have their children splendidly qualified by mental training for life's practical and responsible duties.

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In politics Mr. Burgett is a democrat and for three terms served as township clerk. He has also filled the office of school director. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Oakley and they are interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of the community. The home farm, known as the Pioneer Farm, comprises one hundred and forty-five acres of choice land on sections 21 and 22, Liberty township, whereon are good improvements. This was a portion of the old Halverty place, one of the first farms of Liberty township to be developed, and there is still to be seen in a good state of preservation an old log house which was built by Mr. Halverty at an early day. The home contains relics of early times, including a Bible printed more than a hundred years ago, old-fashioned wool cards and a spinning wheel, together with other relics of pioneer times. Moreover, their home contains many examples of the choicest literature, for the entire family take deep interest in all things which are educational and broadening. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burgett are descendants of early settlers and are numbered among the most progressive citizens of the county, interested in its welfare and active in promoting its advancement.

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#### HENRY C. DILLMAN.

Henry C. Dillman, actively engaged in farming in Lucas county, his land possessions comprising two hundred and thirty-four acres, was born in Liberty township, October 30, 1862. His father, Andrew Dillman, a native of Indiana, died in Liberty township in 1866, while the mother, who bore the maiden name of Eliza Frances Henderson, was born in Indiana and is now living in Chariton. They came to Lucas county in 1856, settling in Liberty township, after having made an overland journey according to the primitive methods of the times. They were farming people of this section of the state and the old Dillman homestead is still in possession of the family. In the family were seven children, six of whom are living: George W., of Warren township; S. P., a resident of Vernal, Utah; Mrs. Mary E. Howard, living near Oakley, Iowa; Martha S., of Chariton; Henry C., of this review; and Louisa Thomason, of Liberty township. The eldest daughter was Harriet, who died in 1864. The five eldest children were born in Indiana and the two youngest in Liberty township, following the removal of the family to Lucas county.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, Henry C. Dillman attended the public schools and when not busy with his text-books worked in the fields. His father built the first frame schoolhouse in Liberty township and Mrs. Molly Welch was one of Henry C. Dillman's first teachers. He taught school in Clayton county in 1882 and in 1883, and in Lucas county in 1887 and 1888. The greater part of his life, however, has been devoted to general agricultural pursuits. He was carefully reared in that work, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops, so that practical experience proved of great aid to him when he began farming for himself. He owns two hundred and thirty-four acres on sections 24, 25 and 28, Liberty township. He has a set of good buildings upon his place and all modern

improvements, while the attractive appearance of his farm indicates his careful supervision and systematic methods.

In Wayne county, Iowa, in 1886, Mr. Dillman married Miss Lola Gregg, a daughter of Jonathan and Mary Jane (Finch) Gregg, who came to Iowa at an early date and here passed away. They were the parents of five children of whom three are living: Mrs. Emma Lunney, of Mount Ayr; Mrs. Dillman; and Park Gregg, of Carlisle, Iowa. The other two died in childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Dillman have three sons: Robert A., born September 15, 1888, who resides on a part of the old Dillman homestead; Louis E., born September 24, 1895, at home with his parents; and Franklin G., born March 12, 1903, who is pursuing his education in the public schools. Mrs. Dillman is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Oakley.

Mr. Dillman belongs to several fraternal orders, including the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Chariton and the Modern Woodmen of America at Oakley. He also has membership with the Sons of the American Revolution. In politics he is a republican and has held a number of local offices. He was township clerk for a number of years and for twenty years was connected with the school board as director, secretary and treasurer. In 1903 he was elected county auditor and was reelected, filling the position for two terms. He made a creditable record in that connection and his public service like his private life commends him to the warm regard and good-will of all.

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#### ANDREW J. GWINN.

No history of the pioneer settlement of Iowa would be complete without mention of Andrew J. Gwinn, who is the first settler of Wayne county, now living, dating his residence in that section of the state from 1850, but he now makes his home in Lucas. Throughout the intervening years he has seen the prairies transformed into fertile farms, cities established, business institutions founded and a frontier wilderness transformed into a prosperous and populous state. He has not only been a witness of this growth and development but has also contributed in a large measure to the work of upbuilding and is so familiar with pioneer conditions, having in his possession all of the data pertaining to the earlier settlements, that he has made some valuable contributions to the Lucas county historical records.

Andrew J. Gwinn was born near Eddyville, Wapello county, Iowa, July 6, 1849, and is a son of Samuel K. and Cynthia Gwinn, the former of whom was born in Greenbrier county, West Virginia, in 1827, and the latter in Fayette county, that state, in the same year. The father passed away in Wayne county, Iowa, in 1891, and is survived by his wife, who makes her home in Wayne county, where she was the first settler who is still living. Andrew J. Gwinn represents the third generation of his family in this section of the state, his father and grandfather having been early settlers. They came to what is now section 5, Richman township, Wayne county, in the fall of 1850. Pioneer conditions prevailed everywhere at that time. Wild deer roamed in the forests, the howling of wolves could be heard by night and all kinds of wild game



abounded everywhere. Raw prairies stretched for miles in all directions, broken only by sparse settlements, the trading points being Eddyville, Ottumwa and Burlington. There were no railroads and the Indians were numerous on the plains and prairies and at times dangerous, although they always evidenced warm friendships for the members of the Gwinn family. The overland western trail was near the place where the father and grandfather settled and thousands of emigrant wagons passed near their home, westward bound, during their earlier years. Both became prominent and successful farmers and the father lived to see a great deal of the state development, being at the time of his death a representative and substantial citizen. In the Gwinn family were eleven children: Andrew J., of this review; John H., who died in 1853; Virginia C., who passed away in Richman township in 1853; Mary E., who died at the age of eleven years; James M. and Sarah E., both of whom passed away in 1860; Byron, whose death occurred in 1910; Mrs. Rachel Snook, residing in Derby, Iowa; Mrs. Irene Lowe, whose home is in Union township; Mrs. M. Davidson, of Richman township; and Samuel K., who died in 1859.

Amid the pioneer conditions above described Andrew J. Gwinn grew to manhood, having been only one year of age when he was brought to Iowa. He attended the Garden Grove public schools at a time when most of the school-houses were built of logs. His childhood was spent upon his father's farm and after he grew to maturity he began farming for himself, following this occupation since that time. In 1880 he took up his residence in Jackson township, Lucas county, and here he has since resided. Success and prosperity have rewarded his laudable ambition and well directed labor and he now has a comfortable home on section 28, wherein he is passing his declining years. He has traveled over practically all of Lucas county and southern Iowa and is well known throughout the state to which he came as a pioneer.

On March 6, 1870, Mr. Gwinn married Miss Mary E. Sayres, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, February 28, 1850. She is a daughter of Amos and Jane (Norris) Sayres, the former of whom was born in New York in 1827 and the latter in Coshocton county. They came to Union township, Lucas county, in 1854, and here both passed away, the mother dying in 1900 and the father in 1912. In their family were the following children: Mary E., the wife of the subject of this review; John, whose home is in Union township; William, a resident of Harrisburg, Illinois; Zim, who lives upon the old home farm in Union township; Ida, deceased; and Mrs. Snook, residing south of Derby. To Mr. and Mrs. Gwinn were born nine sons, of whom the second and third sons, Luther and Omar, died in infancy. Those who survive are: Enos, whose home is in Richman township; Amos K., C. C., Arthur, Everett, and Floyd and Lloyd, twins, all of whom reside in Jackson township. Of these children C. C. was born in Richman township and all of the others in Union township.

Mr. Gwinn formerly gave his allegiance to the republican party but for a number of years past has voted independently. He has ever taken an active part in public affairs, being especially interested in the history of the county, and his labors have done much to promote public progress as well as individual prosperity. Throughout the long years of his residence in this part of the state he has enjoyed to the fullest extent the good will and trust of those with whom he has come in contact. Strong in his honor and in his good name, he



has long been a prominent and influential citizen here, his labors being of practical benefit in the upbuilding and development of the county. His name is inseparably associated with its history and his example is one well worthy of emulation.

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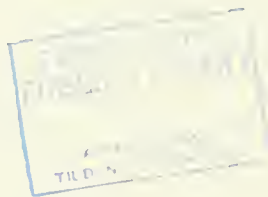
### JOHN FRANKLIN WHEELER.

Among the young agriculturists of Lucas county, Iowa, who have made a decided success, beginning in a small way, is John Franklin Wheeler, who since 1910 has been engaged in the cultivation of one hundred acres of land in Union township, to which he has since added eighty acres in Jackson township.

Mr. Wheeler was born May 26, 1874, in Otter Creek township, this county, where he attended public school and grew to manhood. His parents were William and Mary L. (Ruble) Wheeler, the father a native of Monroe county, Ohio, and the mother of Warren county, Indiana. The former, who was born on March 27, 1837, came to Otter Creek township by the overland route in 1854 and the latter, who was born on February 26, 1840, came to Liberty township with her sister in 1848. Both parents are yet alive and make their home in Lucas, to which place they retired after a long and resultant agricultural career. They were among the pioneers of this section of Iowa and the mother, who retains a wonderful memory, can still vividly recite many incidents of pioneer life and give an account of many of the hardships that confronted the early settlers. In their family were the following children: Melissa Jane, born February 16, 1861, deceased; James, born February 8, 1863, also deceased; Mrs. Etta Manley, born November 13, 1864, of Lucas; Mrs. Belle Primm, born November 21, 1866, of Chariton; Mrs. Alice Waugh, who resides in Woodburn, this state; Henry, born January 9, 1872, of Creston; and John Franklin, of this review. All of these children were born and reared in Otter Creek township. The oldest member of the Wheeler family to settle in Iowa was the paternal grandfather of our subject, Jacob Wheeler, who came here in 1857, and who married Thankful Wheeler, born June 23, 1810. Her death occurred on the 19th of July, 1881.

John F. Wheeler has followed agricultural pursuits during all of his active life. Beginning practically without funds he has by diligence and application succeeded in founding one of the best equipped stock farms in his locality. It comprises one hundred and eighty acres, of which one hundred are in Union township and eighty in Jackson township and thereon can be found a set of good improvements. The years have brought him prosperity and the appearance of his property stands as evidence of his success. Before settling in Union township Mr. Wheeler owned a farm in Otter Creek township, which he sold to good advantage in 1910, when he came to the property upon which he now resides.

In 1894 Mr. Wheeler was united in marriage to Miss Cora M. Waugh, who was born in Clarke county, Iowa, February 23, 1876, and there attended school and grew to womanhood. Her parents were Charles and Mary (Larkins) Waugh, natives of Illinois, who for many years resided in Woodburn, Iowa,



The father of our subject kept up the splendid military record of his family. He enlisted for the Mexican war but was not mustered in in time to see active service. However, in 1862 he joined Company D, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, entering the service as lieutenant and gaining rapid advancement through his period of enlistment, resigning on account of disability with the rank of captain. He had been a resident of Iowa since the year 1845 when he came to Lee county and purchased land. Later he bought government land in Davis county and in 1856 settled in Wayne county, where he took up a claim of four hundred and eighty acres of government land, upon which he resided until his death. He was eminently progressive and public-spirited in his citizenship and for six years was a member of the board of county supervisors. Twice he was a candidate for the office of state representative but was defeated both times. He had extensive fraternal relations, holding membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was also prominent in Masonry, belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery. His death occurred on the 21st of March, 1903. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Sarah Jane Robison, was a daughter of James and Rachel Robison, natives of Morgantown, West Virginia. This family is also of old American foundation but is of Scottish origin, James Robison, an early representative, having been born in Scotland. However, he afterward went to Ireland, where he married and later crossed the Atlantic to America, settling in Virginia prior to the year 1800. The mother of our subject passed away on the 7th of April, 1905.

Winfield S. Evans of this review came to Wayne county with his father on the 13th of April, 1856, and grew up on his father's farm. He acquired a common-school education in Wayne county and began his active career in 1876, when he moved upon one hundred and sixty acres of land in Walnut township which was presented to him by his father. With characteristic energy he carried forward the work of improvement, adding to his holdings from time to time until he was the proprietor of three hundred and sixty acres of fertile and productive land. Because his activities were always progressive and his standards of integrity high his labors were attended with a gratifying measure of success and eventually he was able to retire. In October, 1909, he moved into Seymour, where he has since resided, his useful and well directed work in the past enabling him to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

In 1884 Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Annie Lewis, a daughter of John B. and Susan (McMillan) Lewis, the former a native of England. The paternal branch of this family was founded in America by Mrs. Evans' grandfather, who in early times purchased land in Iowa, locating first in Henry county and then in Wayne county, where he cultivated the soil until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are the parents of six children: Sylvia, who married B. A. Whitmore, who is operating the farm belonging to the subject of this review; David Glenn, a farmer in Wayne county, who married Miss Eupha Fisher; Angie, Hattie, Hiram and Winnifred, all of whom reside at home. The family are devout adherents of the Methodist church.

Mr. Evans gives his allegiance to the republican party but although active and progressive in all matters of citizenship never seeks political preferment. In Masonry he has attained a place of distinction, holding membership in the

county and especially Union township and today enjoys high esteem and respect, to which he is entitled not only for what he has personally attained but for what he has done in furthering the general advancement. He is ever ready to support any worthy public cause and is loyal to his county and township.

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### JOHN HENRY WACHTLER.

One of the most progressive and enterprising young men of Hoisington, Kansas, is John Henry Wachtler, who is a representative of a highly respected pioneer family of Iowa and at present engaged in the railroad service as a locomotive fireman. He was born at Le Mars, Iowa, on the 25th of March, 1885, and is a son of Frederick Morritz and Emma (Bender) Wachtler, the former born at Mountain Lake, Minnesota. The paternal grandfather, Rudolph Wachtler, was born in Germany in 1831, but came to this country when twenty years of age, accompanied by a brother, who resides in New York. After marriage Rudolph Wachtler settled on a homestead in Cottonwood county, Minnesota. His wife passed away, leaving five children: Frederick Morritz, Rudolph, Henry, Paulina, and Louise. The maternal grandmother was twice married, the first union being with William Wecker, by whom she had two children: William, who resides on a farm in Plymouth county, Iowa; and Katherine, who is the wife of Frank Kerhberg, who is a farmer in the same county. Mr. Wecker served in the Civil war and was killed in the battle of Vicksburg. His widow later married John F. Bender, and to this union were born five children: Emma Elizabeth, the mother of our subject; Anna, who is Mrs. Baumgardner, and who resides in Clinton, Illinois; Charles Ernest, who is living in Nebraska; and Henry and John C., both of whom are residents of Clinton, Illinois. The parents of our subject came as early settlers into Iowa and have since resided in this state, their home being now at Cherokee. In their family were nine children: John Henry, of this review; Florence, who resides in Chicago, Illinois; Edna, of Tishomingo, Oklahoma; Leona, Hazel, Ray and Ruth, who live at home; Faith, who has passed away; and Edward.

John Henry Wachtler grew to manhood in Cherokee and acquired his education in the public schools of that community. After laying aside his books he learned painting and paper hanging and followed these trades successfully until 1909, when he entered the railroad service at Hoisington, Kansas, accepting a position as locomotive fireman. He is so engaged at the present time, and has proved prompt, capable and reliable in the discharge of his duties, winning the confidence of his superiors and the good-will of all who are associated with him.

On the 22d of June, 1910, Mr. Wachtler was united in marriage to Miss Alma May Christy, who was born in Kansas, September 29, 1889, a daughter of Charles Marion and Elizabeth Ann (Henry) Christy, the former of whom was born March 11, 1855, and died at Welch, Oklahoma, June 2, 1908. The mother was born in Delaware county, Indiana, April 16, 1857, and survives her husband, making her home at Hoisington, Kansas. On the maternal side Mrs. Wachtler is a granddaughter of Emanuel Henry, one of the early settlers in Warren

township, Lucas county, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marion Christy and their family made their home in Kansas until 1897 and then removed to Lucas county, Iowa, where they remained ten years, going at the end of that time to Oklahoma, where the father's death occurred. He and his wife became the parents of the following children: a son, who died in infancy; Mrs. Maude Brown, who was born September 25, 1884, and who is now residing in Merced, California; Mrs. Berda Sette, born November 29, 1886, residing at Belpre, Kansas; Mrs. Wachtler, wife of the subject of this review; Opal, who was born October 4, 1891, and who is residing with her mother at Hoisington, Kansas; and Beulah, born April 19, 1896, and Charles Orlo, born November 3, 1901, who are also at home. Mrs. Wachtler acquired her preliminary education in the public schools and supplemented this by six months at Simpson College, Indianola. She and her husband have one daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth, born at Hoisington, Kansas, November 17, 1912. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and are well known in Hoisington, where their many excellent qualities of character have won them a wide circle of friends. They are people of refinement and culture, widely read and familiar with the best literature and both are representatives of highly esteemed and respected families.

Mr. Wachtler gives his political allegiance to the progressive party and keeps well informed on questions and issues of the day, although he is not active as an office seeker. His fraternal affiliations are with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, the Knights and Ladies of Security and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is still a young man but has already attained a creditable measure of success and he possesses in his ability and energy a guaranty of continued progress.

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### FRED MOORE CHANDLER.

Among the foremost stock-raisers of Lucas county is Fred Moore Chandler, who, in partnership with his brother Howard, owns a valuable farm of two hundred and ninety-three acres on sections 30 and 31 in White Breast township, which is largely devoted to live-stock interests. Mr. Chandler comes of a family of stock-raisers, his father being one of the most successful breeders of Percheron horses, formerly of Illinois but now of Iowa. Fred M. Chandler of this review first took up sheep raising with considerable success, being at one time one of the largest importers of Shropshires in Iowa, but now gives most of his attention to raising Percheron horses. He has a most successful business, in the conduct of which he has shown executive ability, good judgment and a thorough understanding of the scientific phases of breeding.

Mr. Chandler was born at Ohio, Bureau county, Illinois, March 2, 1882, and in the acquirement of his education attended the common schools at that place, later taking a course at the State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, in order to acquaint himself with the most modern and successful methods pertaining to farming and stock breeding. Members of the family have for a long time been connected with that business and have been successful therein, while

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others have attained high reputation as physicians. His father, H. A. Chandler, is one of the foremost breeders of Percheron horses, having become interested along that line in Ohio, whence he later moved to Illinois and then to Iowa, where he now has one of the most extensive farms of choice land, comprising five hundred acres, at Kellerton. Here can be found one of the finest herds of Percheron horses in the state. The family removed to Kellerton about twenty years ago.

H. A. Chandler was born at Lamoille, Illinois, in 1854, while his wife is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born on October 31, 1858. In her maidenhood she was Mary Ellen Moore. She was brought by her parents to Illinois when but a child. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler became the parents of six children, all of whom were born in Illinois except the youngest, whose place of birth is Kellerton. The children attended the common schools and the four sons took courses at the State Agricultural College at Ames. The eldest in the family is Fred M. Chandler of this review. Lettie, the next in order of birth, is a Methodist missionary in China. Before engaging in that work she attended the deaconess school in St. Louis and did deaconess work in that city, Pittsburg and New York. Howard is a partner of our subject in the live-stock business. Clayton is at present on a trip to Europe in order to select stock for the home farm at Kellerton. Frank resides with his parents at that city. Zilpha, the youngest in the family, received an excellent musical education, having taken a course in that art at Drake University. Clayton, aforementioned, attended for some time the Northwestern University at Evanston.

Fred Moore Chandler, in 1893, made removal with the family to Kellerton. He remained at home for some time and upon reaching maturity engaged as a rural free delivery carrier for a number of years. In 1907 he and his brother Howard purchased two hundred and ninety-three acres of fertile land in White Breast township. They at first became interested in sheep, being probably the heaviest importers of Shropshires in Iowa, importing in one year (1907) as many as eleven hundred and twenty-seven head. However, now they give their attention mostly to the breeding of Percheron horses and their stallion, Jalap, No. 84,210, who is at the head of the herd, is one of the very best in the state. This horse was imported from France when a colt, and Lucas county—in fact Iowa—can boast of no better. The horse is sent for breeding purposes to all parts of the United States. At present he weighs twenty-one hundred and eighty pounds and has captured first prizes wherever shown. In addition to Jalap they have thirteen additional stallions in the home barns. The Chandlers have a national reputation for horses and also sheep, although the sheep industry is now directed from Kellerton.

Fred M. Chandler was united in marriage at Weldon, Iowa, on November 5, 1908, to Miss Ida Mitchell, who was born in Knox county, Illinois, later coming with her parents to Iowa. Her father, A. W. Mitchell, is the present mayor of Derby. To him and his wife eight children were born. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler have one son, Fred Mitchell Chandler, born January 18, 1912.

\* Mr. Chandler is one of the most public-spirited and progressive citizens of his locality. Well educated and broad and liberal-minded, he is one of the boosters of the best kind and interests himself in every movement or measure undertaken to promote the general welfare and prosperity. In politics he is

a republican, faithfully fulfilling his citizen's duties, but beyond that he has not been active in political life, his important private interests calling for most of his time and attention. Fraternally he is a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Knights of Pythias of Chariton. He is highly esteemed and respected by all who know him as a capable, shrewd and modern business man, a thoroughly scientific farmer and breeder and a man whose every transaction reflects the honesty and integrity of his character.

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### JOHN BRINEGAR.

The founders of the Brinegar family in America came from Germany at an early day in the history of this country and one of them, Adam Brinegar, served with distinction in the Revolutionary war, locating afterward in North Carolina, whence he migrated to Kentucky, from which state he went to Indiana. He died at the remarkable age of one hundred and fifteen years, longevity seeming to be a peculiarity of the family, for the grandmother lived to the age of one hundred and four years. Another distinguished member of the family served in the Mexican war. Henry Brinegar, the father of our subject, was the eldest of eight brothers and survived the other seven. He was born in Indiana on December 8, 1823, and subsequently married in that state Miss Elizabeth Trogdon, a native of North Carolina, who was born in 1818 and died in Otter Creek township, this county, in 1889. The father's death occurred in the same township on April 30, 1912. In their family were four children: Melinda, born March 8, 1847, who passed away in Otter Creek township on February 23, 1908; John, of this review; Emma, who was born March 5, 1851, and died in Otter Creek township, September 10, 1904; and Isaac, born in Lucas county, October 27, 1858, and a resident of Otter Creek township. The three eldest children were born in Indiana.

John Brinegar was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, January 23, 1849, and when about six years old in 1855 came with his parents by ox team to Iowa, settling in Otter Creek township, Lucas county, of which he has since been a resident. They were among the earliest settlers of Lucas county and became strong factors in its development. Settling here when the country was but sparsely inhabited and the families were separated by great distances, they endured all of the hardships of pioneer life. The father broke the virgin soil and gradually brought his land under cultivation. John Brinegar early accustomed himself to the primitive conditions and when a boy the howls of the coyote and wolf were the commonest sounds to his ears. He enjoyed such opportunities of education as the neighborhood afforded and early became acquainted with agricultural methods, assisting his father in the transformation of a raw stretch of prairie into a fertile farm. Courage and determination distinguished the family and perseveringly they remained and labored although many who followed them from Indiana returned to that state thoroughly discouraged by the prospects held out by the new territory. As the years passed success came to John Brinegar and, being industrious and thrifty, he acquired land from time to time until he now owns two hundred and twenty-five acres

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in Otter Creek township upon which are two sets of good improvements. Modern equipment and machinery facilitate his farm labors and he follows the most up-to-date and modern methods in his occupation, annually deriving a gratifying income through his efforts. He also owns eighty acres of land in Harrison county, Missouri, well improved and under cultivation.

John Brinegar was married in 1870 to Miss Paralee F. Howard, who was born in Missouri on February 24, 1848. Her parents were Henry C. and Cynthia Ann (Bonner) Howard, both born near Bowling Green, Kentucky, the father on April 11, 1811, and the mother on February 3, 1812. The former died in Lucas county, Iowa, on September 7, 1867, and the latter in the same county on June 5, 1906. They were early settlers in this county, coming here in 1866 from Illinois, where the father had farmed for three years, removing there from Missouri. More extended mention of Mr. Howard is made on another page of this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Brinegar became the parents of five children, as follows: Elizabeth Ann, born January 22, 1871, who died February 10, 1880; Ida May, born October 10, 1872, who died in 1891; Dora P., born March 19, 1876, who died February 10, 1880, the same day on which occurred the death of her sister Elizabeth; Professor George Brinegar, born August 31, 1880, who attended the common schools and select school at Chariton, took additional work at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, for two years, completed the course at the State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls and has for the past four years filled the position of superintendent of the city schools at Luverne, Iowa; and John H., who was born in Medford, Oregon, January 4, 1889, who supplemented the knowledge gained in the common schools by a course of study in Simpson College at Indianola and is now assisting his father in the work of the farm.

A man of strong convictions in regard to local questions, John Brinegar votes the prohibition ticket and takes much interest in all questions that affect social conditions. He is an important factor for good in this locality and all movements undertaken for the betterment of the people receive his indorsement and active cooperation. He was formerly a member of the Evangelical church of Otter Creek township. A relic of former days interesting from the historical point of view is an old-fashioned log house which was erected on his farm by John Brinegar in 1872, taking the place of the old log cabin which had been erected by his father but which has long since decayed. A man of means and a man of high mind and character, John Brinegar is generally respected and esteemed, his name standing for achievement and progress.

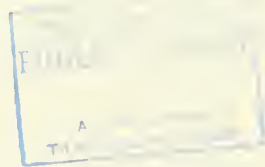
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#### JAMES A. WALKER

A scion of old pioneer families both on the paternal and maternal side, James A. Walker is a native of Jackson township, Lucas county, and has always resided here, devoting his attention to the cultivation of three hundred acres of valuable land located on sections 21, 22, 27 and 28, Jackson township. He was born on May 12, 1861, a son of James L. and Mary (Stevenson) Walker, the father a native of Scotland and the mother of Ohio. Coming as pio-



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neers to Jackson township, the parents made settlement here in the spring of 1859 and here passed the remainder of their lives. Taking up land, the father broke the soil and gradually put it under cultivation, transforming wild prairie into fertile acres. Both parents were highly respected and esteemed by their friends and neighbors and enjoyed the confidence and good-will of all who knew them. The father died in Jackson township in 1880, at an age of about sixty years, the mother, who was born August 31, 1824, surviving him until March 21, 1812, when she died upon the home farm at the advanced age of nearly eighty-eight years. In their family were four children, of whom two are living, namely: Mrs. Margaret Jane McCauley, a resident of Jackson township; and James A., of this review. The two younger children died in infancy.

James A. Walker was reared under the parental roof and early grounded by his parents in the old-fashioned virtues of honesty and industry. Growing up amid pioneer conditions, he enjoyed the primitive educational advantages of the period, attending the common schools in the neighborhood of his father's farm, and early became acquainted with the various branches of agricultural work. As soon as he was old enough he began to assist his father in the work of redeeming the land and putting it to agricultural use. More and more the responsibility of managing the homestead fell to his lot and upon the father's death he took active charge. As the years have passed the property has grown in value, its productivity increasing by the reason of the thorough, systematic and progressive methods employed by Mr. Walker. He now owns one of the choicest farms of his locality, comprising three hundred acres on sections 21, 22, 27 and 28 of Jackson township, improved with a handsome residence and substantial barns, outbuildings and granaries, the general appearance of the property indicating the prosperity of its owner. Mr. Walker gives considerable attention to stock-raising, specializing in full blooded Percheron horses, Duroc Jersey hogs and shorthorn cattle. He enjoys an enviable reputation along this line and obtains for his stock the best market prices.

On March 27, 1889, James A. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Elma Ellen Pim, who was born in Jackson township, Lucas county, Iowa, February 1, 1865, and died in her native township on July 28, 1893. Her parents were Samuel W. and Mary Jane (Jumper) Pim, the former a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania, born on May 11, 1822, who died in Jackson township, February 16, 1882, and the latter also a native of Pennsylvania, born December 16, 1826, and still residing at Chariton, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Pim became the parents of nine children: William Henry, of Jackson township; Mrs. John Schnebly, of Jackson township; Mrs. Esther Jane Carpenter, who resides at Herman, Nebraska; Salora Salina, who died at the age of eight years; Preston Penrose, of Oklahoma; Mrs. Rachel Rebecca Reed, residing in Canada; Candace Clementine, deceased; Elma Ellen, who became the wife of our subject; and Mrs. Ola Amelia Morgan, who makes her home with her aged mother in Chariton, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker had one daughter, who first saw the light of day on the same farm in Jackson township on which her father was born.—Mrs. Nellie Blanche Mauk, the date of her birth being February 9, 1890. She acquired her education in the public schools of the neighborhood and grew to womanhood on the home farm, where she still resides with her husband, Todd Otto

Mauk, who assists our subject in the operation of land. Miss Nellie Blanche Walker married Todd Otto Mauk on March 5, 1911, the latter having always been a resident of Lucas county, being born in White Breast township on June 10, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Mauk have one daughter, Florence Elma, who was born on the same farm on December 15, 1911. She is of the third generation in the same family to be born on this property, and this is one of the rare instances in the history of Lucas county of three generations of one family being born on the same farm.

Mr. Walker gives his allegiance to the republican party and although not an office seeker, keeps well informed upon all public issues and is never found lagging on election day, readily recognizing the obligations of American citizenship. Both he and his daughter are members of the Presbyterian church of Lucas. He gives his warm support to all worthy public enterprises and can always be found in the front ranks of those who are willing to bear their share in any measures undertaken to promote public advancement. Liberal-minded and of studious nature, Mr. Walker is well read and a representative of the progressive type of agriculturist, although his progressive spirit is finely tempered by a conservative judgment. He and his family are among the most highly respected people of his locality, receiving the high regard and confidence of all who know them.

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#### JOHN H. THOMAS.

The name of Thomas has been well known in Lucas county since pioneer times and its present representative, John H. Thomas, is a native of the county and today one of the most substantial and prominent agriculturists of Jackson township, where he owns one hundred and twenty-one and one-half acres of land. He was born in Chariton, Iowa, May 17, 1871, and is a son of William and Nancy (Wooley) Thomas, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Knox county, Illinois. The mother came to Lucas county in 1851, making the journey overland with ox teams in company with her parents, and the family settled in Warren township upon a tract of raw prairie land upon which wild game abounded. They were among the early settlers in this part of Lucas county and contributed in a substantial measure to its agricultural development. The mother passed away in Jackson township on the 22d of January, 1908. She and her husband had two children, both born and reared in Lucas county: Mrs. Addie J. Kelsey, whose birth occurred on the 9th of August, 1868, and who is now residing in Watertown, New York; and John H., of this review.

When John H. Thomas was three years of age he moved from Chariton with his mother and they made their home in Otter Creek township, where he attended district school, at the same time becoming familiar with the details of farm operation by practical labor upon his mother's property. When he was seventeen years of age he began his independent career, moving to Warren township, where he cultivated the soil for some time. From there he moved half a mile south of Lucas and engaged in farming, subsequently entering the

coal mines in the city, where he remained for three years. He then purchased a farm three miles southeast of Lucas and this he has improved and developed since that time. It comprises one hundred and twenty-one and one-half acres of land in Jackson township with excellent improvements, including a modern, attractive and well furnished home. Mr. Thomas is a scientific and practical agriculturist and has met with excellent success in his farming operations, he and his son having secured prizes on corn, potatoes and timothy seed during the Short Courses held in the immediate vicinity. The son captured first prize in the Derby Short Course of 1913 on a single ear of corn and second prize on the best ten ears of corn and both have been honored with awards in every contest in which they have entered. Mr. Thomas is also a stock-raiser on an extensive scale, breeding and owning full-blooded Poland China hogs and good grades of horses and cattle. His business interests are all carefully and capably conducted and his success has followed as a natural result of his well directed labor and unremitting industry.

On the 31st of May, 1898, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Miss Effie J. Hall, who was born in Stark county, Illinois, on the 7th of November, 1880, a daughter of Sylvester and Catharine (Harding) Hall, natives of Scranton, Pennsylvania, the latter born April 9, 1845. They arrived in New Virginia, Warren county, Iowa, in January, 1881, and here remained until their daughter was four years of age, when they moved to Jay, Clarke county, where they remained until they took up their residence near Lucas, Lucas county, Iowa, where the father died in 1889. His wife has also passed away, her death having occurred in Jackson township on the 10th of October, 1904. In their family were nine children: Septer, who resides near Lucas; Daniel, deceased; Charley, who makes his home near New Virginia; a son, who died in infancy; James, also of New Virginia; Orange, of the same city; Mrs. Thomas, wife of the subject of this review; Gladys, deceased; and Carrie, who makes her home in New Virginia. The seven eldest children in this family were born in Illinois, and the two younger ones in Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have become the parents of three children: Ima, born May 1, 1899; Charley C., born March 18, 1901; and Eunice Cecilia, born August 29, 1903. All are attending the public schools in this vicinity.

Mr. Thomas gives his political allegiance to the progressive party and has served several times on state and federal juries. He takes an active and helpful interest in the welfare of this section, for here his entire life has been spent and his many sterling qualities of mind and character have gained him the respect and esteem of all who are associated with him.

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#### ALFRED CONNER.

Derby numbers among its honored, valued and representative citizens, Alfred Conner, who for almost sixty years has been a resident of Union township and is ranked with the earliest and greatest of her pioneers. He has witnessed practically the entire period of the development and expansion of this part of the state and in the work of upbuilding has borne an active and honorable part

through the years, accomplishing not only a great individual prosperity, but a success which is important as an element in general growth. Possessed of unusual traits of mind and character, he has so guided his activities and directed his life that he has won the respect and esteem of all who have been in any way associated with him and is recognized as a progressive citizen, an able business man and a worthy and upright gentleman. Mr. Conner has been a resident of Union township since the spring of 1855, but was born in Preston county, West Virginia, November 3, 1831. He is a son of Job and Nancy (McNier) Conner, the former a native of Preston county and the latter of Pennsylvania. The parents came overland from Brandonville, West Virginia, in 1844, and settled in Cass county, Indiana, near Logansport, then moved to Union township, Lucas county, Iowa, in 1855, where the mother passed away in 1861, at the age of fifty years. The father died in Indiana at the age of forty. The following children were born to their union: Mrs. Margaret Clymer, who has passed away; Alfred, of this review; Elizabeth, deceased; William H., who resides in Derby; John; Harrison, who has passed away; Lucy Ann, who died at the age of fifteen; and two, who died in infancy.

Alfred Conner spent his childhood and youth in Brandonville, Preston county, West Virginia, and when he was twenty-four years of age, accompanied his parents overland to Iowa, locating in Union township in 1855. He found here a tract of raw prairie land, on which wild game was abundant, sparse settlements where Indians were frequent visitors, and indeed all of the hard conditions of pioneer life. There was a little trading point at Eddyville and a station at Chariton, but the rest of the county was practically all unbroken prairie which the first settlers were endeavoring to develop into productive farms. Mr. Conner turned his attention to farming and stock-raising and for over a half century thereafter continued to engage in these pursuits, becoming in time a prominent and successful agriculturist. With characteristic energy he carried forward the work of developing his fields, first breaking the raw soil and erecting buildings, and afterward improving the place and equipping it with modern machinery. In the early days he also operated the first saw and feed mill in Lucas county, whither came the greater portion of the early settlers in the surrounding districts. He became well acquainted with his neighbors, for all the pioneers were drawn together by common necessity, and he has held their honor and respect through the years, so that today he is one of the most highly esteemed men in this part of Iowa. A few years ago he retired from active business life and moved into Derby, where he expects to spend the remainder of his days. He has disposed of almost all of his land but retains ninety acres in Jackson township.

In Chariton, Iowa, in 1857, Mr. Conner was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Wade, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1841, a daughter of Waitman T. and Ruhama (Aiken) Wade, natives of Virginia. The parents came to the eastern part of Iowa in 1854, and after remaining one winter, moved in the spring of the following year to Lucas county, where for a time the father taught the Goshen school. In 1856 he was elected county surveyor and after holding this office for some time was made county treasurer, a position in which he did earnest and capable work for a number of years. Both parents have passed away, the father dying in Appanoose county and the mother in Chariton.



To their union were born eight children: George; Jesse, who died while in the Union army during the Civil war; Elijah, who passed away in Kansas; Waitman, who resides in Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Conner, wife of the subject of this review; Mrs. Eliza Spray, who died in Seattle, Washington, in 1908; Mrs. Phoebe Chapman, who makes her home in Oregon; and Mrs. Rubama Pollard, deceased. The older children were born in Virginia and Pennsylvania, and the younger in Union township. Mrs. Conner has passed away, her death having occurred in Derby, January 12, 1911. She and her husband became the parents of nine children, all born in Union township, as follows: Marion S., who was born May 31, 1859, and who lives in Warren township; W. H., who was born in 1860, residing in Moscow, Idaho; Mrs. Eliza J. Williams, who was born in October, 1862, residing in Derby; Joseph E., who was born in 1866, and who died August 22, 1905; George W., born in 1868, living in New Mexico; Franklin L., whose birth occurred May 29, 1876, and who resides in White Breast township; Martha A., who died at the age of three; and two sons, who died in infancy.

Mr. Conner is a devout member of the Baptist church, which he joined at Goshen church in 1857. He has been an active religious worker through the years, serving for a long period as deacon and for some time as clerk in his church. In his upright and honorable life he has exemplified the doctrines in which he believes and he has never been known to give his consent or aid to any project which his conscience has not thoroughly sanctioned. In politics he is a democrat, and he takes an intelligent and active interest in public affairs, cooperating heartily in all progressive enterprises and never seeking to evade any of the duties of citizenship. He has been an active worker in the ranks of his party and has held all the township offices, his official career having been varied in service and faultless in honor. Throughout his long, useful and honorable life he has never been known to betray a confidence, to be false to a friend, to neglect any personal or public duty and he has in consequence won a high place in the regard and esteem of his fellowmen. Those who are fortunate enough to come within the close circle of his friendship find him a courteous and kindly gentleman, interested in his neighbors and anxious to do all in his power to promote their happiness and prosperity. In Derby and throughout Union township he is known familiarly as "Uncle Alfred," and he has made this name a synonym for upright living, for loyal citizenship and for kindness of spirit.

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#### DAVID A. McMANS.

David A. McMans, a well known and representative citizen of Union township, Lucas county, enjoys a reputation as one of the most successful salesmen of southern Iowa in connection with the auctioneering business and owns a valuable farm of six hundred and twenty acres in addition to his home at Derby. His birth occurred in Union township, this county, on the 20th of October, 1857, his parents being James and Catharine (Sears) McMans. The



father was born in Kentucky on the 11th of April, 1820, while the mother's birth occurred in Indiana on the 5th of August, 1824. In 1856 they took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Lucas county, Iowa, and here the mother passed away in February, 1884, while the demise of James McMains occurred at Indianola, Iowa, on the 1st of June, 1901. They had two children, namely: Mrs. Melissa Westfall, who was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, on the 22d of August, 1850, and resides in Indianola; and David A., of this review.

The latter grew to manhood in this county, obtaining his early education in the common schools and later pursuing a course of study in a select school at Chariton. He subsequently spent three and a half years in study at Valparaiso, Indiana, then returned to Iowa and followed the profession of teaching for some time. Later he completed the business course at Valparaiso. He then turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and in connection with the work of the fields embarked in business as an auctioneer, being now known as one of the most successful salesmen of southern Iowa. His territory is very extensive at the present time, covering all of Lucas, Wayne, Clarke and Decatur counties. He disposes of all classes of material but makes a specialty of stock sales. His undertakings as an agriculturist have also been attended with excellent results, and he is now the owner of a farm of six hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land in Union township, which is well improved in every particular and annually yields bounteous harvests. He also owns an attractive and well appointed home in Derby and is well entitled to representation among the prosperous and leading citizens of his community.

On the 15th of May, 1884, Mr. McMains was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Oehlman, who was born in Union township, this county, on the 19th of June, 1858, and has always resided here. After completing her studies in the common schools she entered the select school at Garden Grove. Her parents were Charles and Dora (Tennis) Oehlman, both of whom were natives of Hanover, Germany, the former born on the 13th of February, 1822, and the latter on the 22d of December, 1822. Charles Oehlman emigrated to the United States in 1847 and located first near Quincy, Illinois, where he was married. In 1858 he and his wife took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Lucas county, Iowa. His demise occurred in Union township on the 15th of March, 1891, while his wife passed away in that township on the 25th of October, 1908. The latter had been twice married and by her first husband had one son, Henry Burgdorf, a native of Germany, who now makes his home in Oklahoma. Unto Charles and Dora (Tennis) Oehlman were born the following children: Mrs. Louisa Dickinson, who was born in Illinois and now resides in Seattle, Washington; Charles, born September 18, 1854, who resides on the old home farm in Union township; Mrs. Emma West, living at Conway, Iowa; Mrs. Lydia McMains; Mrs. Frances Morey, who is a resident of Gordon, Nebraska; Mrs. Margaret Penick, of Derby, Iowa; and Mrs. Doris Hewitt, living in Gordon, Nebraska. All of the above children were reared in Lucas county. Mr. and Mrs. McMains have one daughter, Irma Zoe, who was born on the 30th of September, 1891, and acquired her early education in the common schools. She subsequently attended Simpson College at Indianola for a year and then entered the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, from which she will graduate in June, 1915.

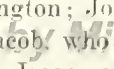
Mr. McMains gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Derby. Fraternally he is identified with the following organizations: Chariton Lodge, No. 63, A. F. & A. M., of Chariton, Iowa; Derby Camp, M. W. A., of Derby; and Royal Neighbors of America, No. 1154, of Derby. Of the last named his wife is also a member. Both are fond of literature and theirs is one of the finest collections of books to be found in the community. Mr. and Mrs. McMains are representatives of two of the honored pioneer families of Lucas county and enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

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### JAMES W. JONES.

James W. Jones, a splendid representative of the worthiest and best type of Iowa's pioneer citizen, dates his residence in this state from 1854 and has witnessed a great deal of the period of its greatest growth and development, taking an active and honorable part in the work of upbuilding. He was among the early settlers in Clarke county and has for years been numbered among representative agriculturists in this part of the state, his eighty acre farm on section 9, Union township, Lucas county, evidencing in its appearance the care and practical labor which have been bestowed upon it. The years have brought him success, prominence and a comfortable fortune and his active and honorable life, guided always by high and worthy standards, has gained him the respect and esteem of many friends.

Mr. Jones was born in Putnam county, Indiana, April 4, 1839, and is a son of Reuben and Edith (Rogers) Jones, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Kentucky. In 1854 they journeyed overland to Iowa and settled as pioneers in Polk county, this state, taking up their residence on rented land, within three miles of the present site of Des Moines. The community was called Fort Des Moines at that time, and was a village so small that it has been truthfully stated that one bushel of potatoes thrown upon the market would overstock it. After a short period of residence in that vicinity the Jones family moved to Clarke county, where the father entered land. This he later disposed of, buying a farm five miles south of Osceola, Clarke county. Here also he encountered the hardships and privations of pioneer existence, for he settled upon his property at a very early date, finding the land for miles around raw prairie and the Indians numerous in the vicinity. With characteristic energy he began the improvement and development of his farm and became well known in agricultural circles, dying upon his holdings in 1873 when he was eighty years of age. His wife passed away in 1890 and was eighty-nine at the time of her death. Thirteen children were born to their union: Mary Jane, deceased; David, who died in Indiana; Asa and Mrs. Margaret Thomas, who have also passed away; James W., of this review; Mrs. Lettie Lucas, deceased; Mrs. Martha Clear of Prosser, Washington; John, who died in Washington in 1912; Reuben, also of Washington; Jacob, who makes his home in Butte, Montana; Peter of Kansas City, Missouri; Isaac; and Mrs. Nancy Ann Crooks, of

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Prosser, Washington. The eight oldest of the above children were born in Indiana and the others in Iowa.

James W. Jones was fifteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on the overland journey into Iowa and he is therefore numbered among the pioneer settlers here. He learned farming in his childhood by practical experience upon his father's property and has reaped the benefit of this early training during his active career which has been entirely devoted to agricultural pursuits. He has not remained a continuous resident of this state since his first settlement, for at one time he homesteaded land in Nebraska and remained upon it for about twenty years, making it during that period a productive and valuable farm. Eventually however he returned to Union township, Lucas county, where he has long been a factor in agricultural development. He owns eighty acres of fine land on section 9, and another tract of ten acres on section 4, and his properties are well improved in every particular, giving every evidence of careful and practical cultivation. The house in which the family reside was one of the first erected in Union township and is known as the James Leach home, having been built by a pioneer of that name. The atmosphere of the early times clings around the old dwelling and homestead, where many interesting relics of the pioneers have been discovered. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are now in possession of a piece of cedar which was taken from a depth of fifty-nine feet below the surface of the ground, at a time when a new well was being bored near the house. They possess also a flax hackle and a spinning wheel belonging to Mrs. Leach, the first mistress of the house. These things have led Mr. Jones to take an interest in accumulating curios of this character and his collection includes a shoehammer brought from Germany over a century ago.

In 1867 Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Elvira Pollard, who was born in Washington county, Indiana, on the 19th of October, 1848, a daughter of Hezekiah Pollard and Matilda Cox, natives of that locality, the former born May 4, 1822. The family came overland in 1852, and settled in Union township, Lucas county, on October 25th of that year, among the earliest settlers. Both have passed away, the father dying May 11, 1908, and the mother April 9, 1910. To their union were born thirteen children: Stephen Aaron, of Hamilton county, Nebraska; Mrs. Jones, wife of the subject of this review; William Zachariah, of Hamilton county, Nebraska; Nathaniel, who makes his home in Buffalo, Wyoming; John of Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Margaret Castle of Hamilton county, Nebraska; Franklin Pierce, of Wyoming; Albert, who resides in Ridgeway, Missouri; Mrs. Flora Morris, of Derby; Mrs. Theodosia Robinson, who makes her home in Confidence, Wayne county; Elisha and Mary Belle, who have passed away; and Mrs. Ida May Dennis of Union township. The four eldest of these children were born in Indiana and the rest in Union township, this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones have become the parents of ten children: Mrs. Dora McDaniels, who was born November 16, 1868, and who is residing with her parents in Union township; Delora Ellen, whose birth occurred on the 18th of February, 1870, and who has passed away; Mrs. Edith Patterson, who was born December 17, 1871, and who resides in this township; Albert Walter, who was born December 24, 1873, and who resides in Kendrick, Idaho; Mrs. Clara Ida Hamilton, born December 20, 1875, also of Kendrick, Idaho; Minnie, who was born October 3, 1878, and who was graduated from the Methodist Hospital

and the State Hospital at Des Moines; Mrs. Maude Horton, who was born November 17, 1880, and who resides in Union township; Edna A., who was born March 1, 1882, and died October 17, 1900; Fay L., born July 6, 1886; and Ernest Hezekiah, born October 9, 1891.

Mr. Jones voted twice for Abraham Lincoln and has throughout his life consistently adhered to the policy of casting his ballot for the man whom he considers best fitted for the position without regard to party lines. He and his wife are devout members of the Baptist church and are people of exemplary character, well known and favorably regarded throughout the township.

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### JOHN F. TEDRICK.

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John F. Tedrick, a prosperous and progressive farmer of Warren township, owns and operates one hundred and sixty acres of fine land. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, September 10, 1856, and is a son of John and Marian (Hopper) Tedrick, also natives of that state, the former born in Guernsey county. Both died in Derby, the father passing away in 1892, at the age of seventy-six, and the mother in 1901, at the age of eighty. Five children were born to their union: Samuel, who died while in the Union army during the Civil war; Madison, whose death occurred in Illinois; Anderson, whose home is in Nebraska; John F., of this review; and a daughter who died in infancy.

John F. Tedrick was only seven years of age when he came to Lucas county, his parents locating here in 1863. He grew up on his father's farm and after attaining his majority turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he has since won prominence and success. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land in Warren township and has improved and developed this property according to the most modern and progressive methods, making it one of the finest farms in this locality. He owns in addition a house and lot in Artesia, California, and he and his family spend many of the winter months in that state.

In Derby, Iowa, August 7, 1877, Mr. Tedrick was united in marriage to Miss Emma D. Westfall, who was born in Monroe county, January 22, 1861, the youngest child of Lorenzo D. and Elinor (Crawford) Westfall, natives of Ohio, the former born December 23, 1818, and the latter, November 29, 1819. The parents were among the early settlers in Wapello county, Iowa, making the journey overland in 1838. The father died in Derby, January 2, 1911, having long survived his wife, who passed away in Wapello county, December 24, 1861. Twelve children were born to their union: John, who has passed away; Mrs. Sarah Rachel Blue, also deceased; Eliza Jane, deceased; Mrs. Diana Penick, who was born February 10, 1843, and who now resides in Derby; Mary Elinor, who was born January 25, 1845, and who died on the 16th of August of the same year; George Milton, who was born June 28, 1846, and who died in Oregon in 1900; Allison D., who was born November 4, 1848, and who is now residing in California; Wesley Addison, who was born May 14, 1851, and who makes his home in Oregon; Mrs. Margaret Stodghill, who was born April 9, 1853, and who now resides in Portland, Oregon; James Crawford, who was born June 6, 1855,



and who makes his home in Wapello county; Francis Asbury, who was born March 16, 1858, and who now resides in Kansas; and Mrs. Emma Tedrick, wife of the subject of this review. All of these children were born in Wapello county. Mr. and Mrs. Tedrick became the parents of four children, all of whom were born in Lucas county. They are as follows: Mrs. Lola D. Westfall, who was born in Warren township, November 28, 1878, and who died at Indianola, Iowa, July 1, 1909; Ralph, whose birth occurred July 10, 1880, and who is now a resident of California; Otis, born June 12, 1884, also of California; and Mrs. Bertha Doble, who was born October 1, 1885, at Cambria, Wayne county, and who makes her home in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Tedrick are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the former is affiliated with the Masonic lodge of Chariton and the Modern Woodmen of America in Derby. Mrs. Tedrick is a charter member of Royal Neighbors of America at Derby, Iowa. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he takes an intelligent interest in public affairs without being active as an office seeker. He is a man of many sterling traits of character, able in business, progressive in citizenship and at all times trustworthy and reliable.

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#### CHARLES REED BOND.

A valuable farm of three hundred and sixty acres of excellent land in Otter Creek township, Lucas county, gives testimony of the industry and ability of Charles Reed Bond along agricultural lines. The family settled here about forty years ago, in 1872. Charles R. Bond was born in Baltimore county, Maryland, March 25, 1854. His parents were George T. and Margaret (Johnson) Bond, natives of Maryland, who passed away in Otter Creek township, this county, the former on February 14, 1884, and the latter on February 16, 1908. In their family were seven children: Charles Reed, of this review; William J., deceased; Frank, also deceased; Ollie, who died in infancy; Ira, who passed away on July 2, 1912; Mrs. Anna Arnold, deceased; and Mrs. Ella Clore, a resident of Otter Creek township. The two eldest children of this family were born in Maryland, the two next following in Pennsylvania and the remainder in Mahaska county, Iowa. The family moved from Maryland to Pennsylvania in 1857 and remained there until 1866, when they proceeded westward and made settlement in Mahaska county, Iowa, on a farm where they remained until 1872, when they came to Otter Creek township, Lucas county, the father engaging in farming and stock-raising. He was successful in his efforts and as the years passed accumulated a substantial competence.

Charles R. Bond was reared under the parental roof and, making the several removals with his family, came in 1872 to Lucas county, where he has ever since resided with the exception of two years which he spent in Clarke county. He attended school in the various places where his parents resided and assisted his father with the work of the farm, becoming thoroughly acquainted with efficient methods of agriculture. As the years passed he turned them to good account and by thrift and industry became the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of highly cultivated and productive land in Otter Creek township.



improved with a modern home, substantial outbuildings and barns and furnished with all such equipment as is considered indispensable by the up-to-date agriculturist. He has become one of the substantial men of the agricultural community of Otter Creek township, his labors not only being conducive to his own prosperity but being a factor in the general agricultural development of this region.

On February 17, 1877, Mr. Bond was united in marriage to Miss Celestine Bennett, who was born in Washington county, Iowa, October 22, 1857. Her parents, Thomas and Belinda (Conley) Bennett, were among the early settlers in Iowa, coming here when this state was yet under territorial rule. The former was a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. Thomas Bennett died in Oklahoma, at the age of ninety-four years, the mother also passing away in that state, aged seventy-seven. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett became the parents of twelve children: Joseph, deceased; Jeremiah, a soldier in the Civil war who died while in service; Joel, deceased; Mrs. Anna Morgan, a resident of Missouri; William, who lives in Oklahoma; Mrs. Louise Dawson, also of that state; Mrs. Betsey Chapman, of Kansas; Christopher, of Oklahoma; Mrs. Bond, the wife of our subject; Mrs. Bethiah Cumrine, of Kansas; Mrs. Ada Castor, of Oklahoma; and Sarah, who was the second in order of birth and died in infancy. All of these children were natives of Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Bond are the parents of seven children, all natives of Otter Creek township, where they were reared and grew to maturity. They are: Mrs. Luvornie Harvey, born December 21, 1877, of Otter Creek township; Mrs. Beulah Nelson, born May 2, 1880, of Chariton; Mrs. Maggie Anna Taylor, born December 30, 1881, of Indianola, Iowa; Mrs. Georgia Gladys Ashby, born May 8, 1888, of Jackson township; Charles G., born November 3, 1891, residing on the home farm and assisting his father in his work; Arthur, born May 22, 1894, also assisting in the operation of the farm; and Gertrude, born October 18, 1896, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Bond have seventeen grandchildren.

Politically Mr. Bond is a democrat, giving his stanch support to the measures and candidates of that organization. While his extensive farming operations have demanded most of his time, he recognizes the obligations of citizenship and has actively participated in public life as township trustee, in which capacity he has efficiently served for fifteen years, and also as school director, giving thereby evidence of his support in behalf of better educational opportunities. There is no man in this locality who is higher esteemed than Mr. Bond and justly so, for his success is well merited, as it is self-earned, and the qualities which have made possible his prosperity are worthy of the highest commendation.

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#### MICHAEL LOHR.

Among those who have long been identified with the agricultural development of Wayne county must be numbered Michael Lohr, who owns a well improved farm in Benton township and holds the title to five hundred and thirty-seven acres of fertile land in that immediate vicinity. He is a native of West Virginia, his birth having occurred in Barbour county, that state, on the

15th of May, 1847. His father, P. P. Lohr, was of German extraction, but was born in Virginia, his natal year being 1817. His parents, who were farming people, removed from Pennsylvania to Virginia in the early years of the last century and there passed the remainder of their lives.

P. P. Lohr early directed his energies along agricultural lines, and engaged in farming in West Virginia until March, 1854, when with his family he came to Iowa. He first located in Jefferson county, but in October, of the same year, he came to Wayne county, settling on a farm a mile and a half east of the place his son Michael now owns. His first tract of land comprised forty acres, but as the years passed he added to his landed interests until at the time of his death he owned three hundred and twenty acres. He lived to the advanced age of eighty-three years, his death occurring in 1900. Mr. Lohr was one of the progressive and public-spirited pioneers of Wayne county, and took an active interest in political affairs, serving with efficiency in various minor township offices. In his early life he supported the whig party, and after it was merged into the republican voted the latter ticket. For his wife he chose Miss Sarah Holder, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1820, but in early life removed to Virginia with her parents. She accompanied her husband and family to Iowa and was residing in Wayne county when she passed away in October, 1911. Her parents came west in 1851, locating in Jefferson county, where they resided until 1858 when they came to Wayne county. Here Grandfather Holder bought eighty acres of land adjoining the farm of his son-in-law, P. P. Lohr, who later purchased the property, and resided there until his death in 1861. To Mr. and Mrs. Lohr there were born seven children, as follows: Mary, the deceased wife of John Davis, residing in the vicinity of Cambria; Elizabeth, who married John Woolis, of Cambria; Michael, our subject; Harriet Ann, who became the wife of S. Hotchkiss, of Missouri; Daniel, who is residing in Idaho; John, who is deceased; and Allen T., who makes his home in Dakota.

Michael Lohr, who was a lad of seven years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa, was educated in the district schools of this county. He passed his early years in the uneventful routine characteristic of life in the rural sections, and in common with the majority of country youths early became familiar with the duties of the agriculturist. He remained on the home place until after he had attained his majority and then began his independent career as a farmer. On first starting out in the world for himself he cultivated rented land, but when he was twenty-seven he invested his accumulated savings in eighty acres of land, which formed the nucleus of his present homestead. The fact of his having become a landowner seemed to prove an incentive to yet greater effort on his part, and he applied himself to the achievement of his purpose with the unremitting diligence which brought constantly increasing success. As the years passed he added to his possessions until he now owns five hundred and thirty-seven acres, eighty of which is a portion of the old family homestead east of his place. All of the buildings now on his farm have been erected by Mr. Lohr, and at various times he has installed about the premises different appliances for reducing the labor connected with its operation, making his one of the model places of the township. His fields are planted to such cereals as are best adapted to the soil and annually yield abundant harvests. In connection with

his diversified farming he is raising and feeding stock, in which lines of his business he is also meeting with a good measure of success.

In Wayne county, Iowa, in 1878, Mr. Lohr was married to Miss Mary F. Seaman, a daughter of W. E. Seaman, a native of England, who came to the United States in early life. He first settled in New York state, but later removed to Rock Island, Illinois. Of this marriage there have been born eight children, as follows: Jessie, the deceased wife of Clyde Hathill; William, who married Ethel Gibbs, and is residing in this county; Elizabeth, who is at home; Frank, who married Maude Gibbs, also of this county; and Fred, Seaman, Stanley and Paul.

The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Lohr is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted as a member of the Forty-sixth Iowa Infantry in June, 1864, and remained at the front for ninety days. He maintains relations with his comrades of the field through his connection with Robert Jackson Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Allerton. Politically he supports the republican party, and has held various minor offices in the township. Mr. Lohr is highly esteemed in his community as a man of worth and integrity, who conducts his business affairs in an honorable and upright manner while in matters of citizenship he is public-spirited and can be relied upon to support every movement that he feels will promote the welfare of the community or advance its development.

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#### THOMAS BENTON MITCHELL, M. D.

Dr. Thomas Benton Mitchell, now living retired in Derby, was for more than a quarter of a century engaged in the practice of medicine in various localities, devoting the years of an active and honorable manhood to the service of his followmen. In all his professional duties he has been conscientious, utilizing every possible means to accomplish the important tasks entrusted to him, and he has well earned the leisure and rest which he now enjoys. He was born near Eddyville, in Monroe county, Iowa, on the 27th of February, 1856, and is a son of Abram and Nancy (Spray) Mitchell, natives of Kentucky, the former born in 1812 and the latter in 1811. The father moved with his parents into Indiana at an early day and afterward came to Iowa as a pioneer. In 1853 he traveled overland to Colorado but afterward returned to this state, where he resumed his residence in Monroe county. He died in Bloomfield, Davis county, in March, 1888, having survived his wife for some years, her death having occurred in Lucas county in 1876. In their family were five children: George Russell, who was born in January, 1834, and who died in March, 1913, in Washington; Mrs. Mary Nelson, who was born in 1842 and who died in 1912; Mrs. Amanda Blizzard, who was born in 1845 and who is now residing in Union township; James, who was born in 1850 and who died in 1894 in Kansas; and Dr. Thomas Benton, of this review.

The last named came with his parents to Lucas county in 1865, at the close of the Civil war. He was at that time nine years of age and his education was acquired in the public schools of this vicinity, where after laying aside his

books he taught for five terms. Having determined to study medicine, he entered Rush Medical College in Chicago but completed his professional studies in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in the same city, graduating from the latter institution in 1883. He immediately began the practice of his profession at Ashton, Missouri, and there continued for seven years, or until 1890, when he returned to Chicago to take up practice there, remaining in that city for eighteen years thereafter. Throughout his professional career he was imbued with a laudable ambition for advancement, knowing how important are the duties which devolve upon the physician. He was accorded a liberal patronage and throughout the years he kept in touch with the modern trend of professional thought by his wide reading and research and his developing powers and wide experience brought him broad and accurate knowledge. He retired from active practice in 1908, his health being impaired, and returned to Iowa, building a modern and attractive home near Derby, where he is recuperating by following the simple life. Here in their beautiful residence, surrounded by every comfort, he and his estimable wife are securing all the enjoyment that comes to those who have gained a goodly competence in an honorable way. They are extensive readers and their library is one of the finest to be found in Lucas county.

Dr. Mitchell married, in Ashton, Missouri, on the 12th of October, 1886, Miss Stella Blythe, a native of Boone county, that state, born in 1869. She grew to womanhood there, attending the common schools and supplementing this by a course in Stevens College at Columbia, Missouri, and a course in music in Chicago. Her father, Rev. George Blythe, was born in Missouri and died in Montana, while pursuing his ministerial duties at Boulder, that state. Her mother, who was in her maidenhood Alice Keene, was born in Missouri and is now residing with her daughter. In the Blythe family were three children: Mrs. Mitchell; Mrs. Mae Penn, of Troy, Missouri, the wife of the present prosecuting attorney of Lincoln county; and Arthur, who resides in Denver, Colorado.

Fraternally Dr. Mitchell is a member of the Masonic lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Ancient Order of Foresters, the Independent Order of Foresters and two organizations of the Sons of St. George. He is affiliated also with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, belonging to Maddock Lodge in Chicago, and he is a member of one of the most exclusive fraternal organizations in existence—the Ancient Order of Druids. His religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Baptist church and he holds membership in the church of this denomination in Chicago. In politics he is independent, voting always according to his personal convictions without regard to party lines, and he has taken an active and prominent part in community affairs, cooperating heartily in everything that pertains to the promotion of the community advancement and upbuilding. The cause of education has found in him a loyal supporter and as president of the board of education he is accomplishing a great deal of beneficial and lasting work, now devoting his energies to securing for Derby a new and modern school building. Dr. Mitchell is well known among the leading physicians of this state and elsewhere and has at all times enjoyed the highest regard of his brethren in the medical fraternity because of his close conformity to high standards of professional ethics. More-



over, he has always displayed the qualities of honorable and upright manhood and has given largely of his rich store of wisdom and experience for the benefit of others. His name is honored wherever it is known and most of all where it is best known.

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### S. G. SNUGGS.

The title of self-made man has been well earned by S. G. Snuggs, who began his career empty-handed with no particular advantages and has attained to a position of affluence as a prosperous owner of three hundred and forty acres of valuable land in Otter Creek township and sixty acres in Jackson township, Lucas county. A native of England, Mr. Snuggs was born near London, March 2, 1845, a son of Joseph and Harriet (Stent) Snuggs, natives of England. The father was born in 1808, and the mother in 1809, the former passing away on January 6, 1889, and the latter in Lucas county, Iowa, on July 31, 1898. When five years of age S. G. Snuggs came with his mother to the United States, landing here in 1850 and settling in Henry county, Illinois, where they remained until the spring of 1862, when removal was made to Lucas county, Iowa, of which he has been a resident since that time. He had two brothers, James and John, both of whom are deceased, and one sister who is still living, Mrs. Martha Preston, a resident of Tuskegee, Iowa.

As soon as old enough Mr. Snuggs engaged in agricultural pursuits, following mixed methods and specializing in stock-raising, and as the years have passed he has gained a success worthy of notice. As his means permitted he acquired land, owning today three hundred and forty acres in Otter Creek township and sixty acres in Jackson township, equipped with two sets of good improvements. For the past twenty-three years he has raised Aberdeen Angus cattle and is the owner of an excellent herd of this breed. He also raises Clyde horses and driving horses and has been successful in breeding graded hogs. Attention to detail, industry and perseverance have been the salient qualities that have made his success possible and while Mr. Snuggs has become financially independent his attainments are also of a general interest, as they have largely contributed to the development and advancement of this section.

In 1866 Mr. Snuggs was married to Miss Adaline Jenkins, a native of Brown county, Indiana, where she was born October 27, 1848. When a child of only three years she was brought by her parents to Lucas county in 1851, her father being Alexander Jenkins, a native of Ohio, who died in White Breast township, and her mother Elizabeth Jenkins, a native of Kentucky, who still resides in Hamburg, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have three children: John, who died at the age of two years; Nancy, who passed away when only seven months old; and Mrs. Snuggs, the wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Snuggs became the parents of ten children, all of whom are living with the exception of John, the second in order of birth. The others are: Mrs. Effie Gray, of Jackson township; James, of Chariton, Iowa; Fannie, living in Rocky Ford, Colorado; Charles, at home; Mrs. Amanda Roberts, of White Breast township; Jacob, of Otter Creek township; Mrs. Estella Ruble, living in Liberty township;

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and Ethel and Earl, both at home. All of these children were born and reared in Otter Creek township and received a good common-school education. Fannie in addition attended college at Indianola and Amanda a high school in Lucas.

In his political affiliations Mr. Smuggs is a democrat and keeps well informed on all government issues, although he does not care for office. All movements and measures undertaken to benefit his locality receive his warm support and he is readily recognized as a public-spirited man and good citizen, who can always be found in the front ranks of those who seek expansion and promotion along moral, intellectual and material lines.

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### THOMAS CROSTON, M. D.

No history of the medical profession, or indeed of the growth, upbuilding and progress of Lucas county along professional, material, educational or political lines, would be complete without mention of the career of Dr. Thomas Croston, physician and surgeon and a powerful and vital force in public affairs. A native of England, he was born near Manchester, December 12, 1846, a son of Henry and Ellen (Williams) Croston, both natives of that section. The father was a contractor and manager of mines, his operations being carried on near Bolton, England, where he died at the age of sixty-six. It was there that Dr. Croston secured that practical experience in mining which has been of such benefit to him in the community where he now resides, bringing him in sympathy with the humbler class of laborers and broadening his mind, so that he is now able to look upon both sides of any disputed question. His mother has also passed away, her death having occurred near Manchester when she was seventy years of age.

Dr. Thomas Croston was the only child born to his parents. He acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of Manchester and after having determined to make the practice of medicine his life work studied under Professor John Skelton, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon in England and an author of some popular works on the eclectic school of medicine. Having received his degree, Dr. Croston left England and came to America, settling first in Steubenville, Ohio, where he practiced medicine for two years. At the end of that time he returned to his native country but crossed the Atlantic again in 1880, locating this time in Lucas, where he has since practiced, his medical skill bringing him a large and lucrative patronage, drawn from Lucas and the surrounding sections. He has never allowed his ability to grow less as time has passed but has kept in touch with the advancement of his profession through broad reading and research. He is quick to adopt new methods, once their worth is proven, and his ready sympathy and cheery disposition as well as his professional knowledge constitute elements for good in the sick room. He is loved by his patients, to all of whom he is also a friend, tried and tested through many years.

Aside from his professional relations Dr. Croston has long been recognized as an influential factor in the public life of Lucas, giving of his time and talents unstintedly for the advancement and upbuilding of the city and county

Although born across the water, he is a loyal American citizen, his public spirit being proven by definite and effective work in the public interest. He stands as a central figure in educational circles of the county, being now in the twenty-fifth consecutive year of his service as a member of the school board, having been first elected in the spring of 1888. He has been president of the board for a number of years and to his energy, conscientiousness and unselfish labor is due the present efficiency of the public-school system in Lucas. He has never shirked anything which he believed to be his duty and even in the face of the greatest opposition has carried forward his educational work to successful completion and is now enjoying in the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens the pleasure which comes to man from duty well performed. The people of Lucas have evidenced their gratitude for his services by retaining him in his position and giving him their support in the promotion of his many projects of reform and advancement. Dr. Croston has been mayor of Lucas for three terms and has been for twenty-four years a member of the town council, his public service standing as a testimonial to his loyalty and faithfulness in citizenship.

Dr. Croston married, in England in 1868, Miss Eliza Fletcher, a native of that country, who died in Lucas. To their union were born three children: Ellen, who is caring for the home in Lucas; Ernest, who resides in Needles, California; and George, a graduate in medicine from Northwestern University in Chicago and one of the leading physicians and surgeons in Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Dr. Croston gives his political allegiance to the republican party and aside from the official positions before mentioned has served also as health officer of the town of Lucas and as county physician. Fraternally he is identified with Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 414, A. F. & A. M., and belongs also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his daughter are affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star, as was his wife during her lifetime. A man of ability, intelligence and public spirit, with his powers broadened and developed by travel and close observation, liberal-minded in his views and influenced at all times by regard and consideration for the rights and privileges of others, Dr. Croston stands as a representative of all that is most honorable in professional and private relations. He has given a great deal of his attention to the practice of medicine, in which he has won success during the years, but his professional labors have not excluded his active support and promotion of the other vital interests which go to make up the final sum of the human existence.

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### HARRISON TAYLOR FLEENOR.

A descendant of early Iowa pioneers, Harrison Taylor Fleenor engages in agricultural pursuits on forty-five acres of choice land on section 32, Jackson township, Lucas county. He was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, April 22, 1847, his parents being Hiram and Mary Ann (Portlock) Fleenor, the father a native of Virginia. The parents came to Des Moines county in 1832, being

among the earliest settlers of Iowa. At that time there were but two buildings in Burlington. They made their start to this state from Indiana, driving overland in the old pioneer fashion. The father died in Des Moines county, Iowa, at the age of sixty-nine years, long surviving his wife, who also died in that county at the age of twenty-seven. In their family were but two children, the brother of our subject being William, who still resides on the old home farm in Des Moines county. Of a subsequent marriage of the father were born eight children, as follows: Isaac; George; John, deceased; Robert; Mrs. Mary Hildig; Elipees, deceased; Mrs. Sadie Linder; and Mrs. Lydia Cullenbeck. All were born and reared in Iowa.

In the acquirement of his education Harrison T. Fleenor attended common school, early assisting his father in the work on the home farm and becoming acquainted with thorough agricultural methods. In 1863 he enlisted from Burlington, Iowa, for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company C of the Thirtieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which was a part of the Army of the Cumberland. Yet a mere boy of sixteen, Mr. Fleenor distinguished himself by his courageous conduct and faithfulness to his duties, inspiring others with his spirit of patriotism. He participated in every engagement with his regiment except the battle of Lookout Mountain and upon receiving his honorable discharge returned to the pursuits of private life, having followed farming and the carpenter's trade since the close of the war. Mr. Fleenor enjoys today a pension from his government in part payment of the valuable services which he rendered the Union in upholding the northern cause. He remained in Des Moines county until 1867 and then moved to Madison county, this state, there following the carpenter's trade for six months. His next removal was to Lucas county, remaining, however, but three months before removing to Missouri, where he made his home for two years. He then returned to Jackson township, of which he has been a resident ever since. This was in the year 1871. He now gives his attention largely to the cultivation of forty-five acres of valuable land, upon which can be found good improvements. His building are in a state of good repair and he follows progressive methods in order to increase the productivity of the soil. A resident of Lucas county for over four decades, he largely enjoys the esteem of his friends and neighbors and such prosperity as has come to him no one begrudges him.

On September 7, 1867, Mr. Fleenor was married in Des Moines county, Iowa, to Miss Jeannette Leonard, a native of that county, who was born on March 22, 1850. Her parents were among the early settlers of Des Moines county, coming there in 1846 by the overland route. The father, George Leonard, a native of France, died in Lucas county in 1892, and the mother, Nancy Leonard, a native of Ohio, also died in this county. In their family were three sons and four daughters, Mrs. Fleenor being the eldest in the family. The others were: John, deceased; Moses, deceased; Tabitha; Lafayette, deceased; Mary, deceased; and Lizzie. All were born and reared in Des Moines county. Mr. and Mrs. Fleenor became the parents of five children, of whom four are living, the eldest, John, having passed away. The others are: William, a resident of Michigan; Perry, of Everist, Iowa; Rose, residing with her parents; and Mary, also at home. All these children are natives of Lucas county, where they grew to maturity.

Interested in public matters, Mr. Fleenor gives his staunch adherence to the republican party, keeping well informed upon all issues that effect the welfare of his locality, county, state and nation. He has for seven years efficiently served as constable of Jackson township and has given evidence of his interest in the cause of education by serving as a member of the school board of his district, his term covering a similar period. For many years he has filled the position of road supervisor and has been active in the good roads movements, recognizing the importance of transportation facilities as regards the farmer. In every respect Mr. Fleenor is a progressive and public-spirited citizen, having given evidence of his patriotic spirit in war as well as in times of peace and being highly regarded and esteemed for his many good qualities of mind and character by all who know him and most of all by those who know him longest.

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### JOHN WESLEY LIPE.

A farm of eighty acres of choice land located in Otter Creek township gives evidence of the prosperity of John Wesley Lipe, a native of this township, born January 17, 1869, and a son of John and Mahala (Davidson) Lipe, the former a native of Randolph county, North Carolina, born January 9, 1829, and the latter a native of Indiana. The father, in 1832, was brought to Indiana but subsequently came to Iowa, where he died in Otter Creek township, April 29, 1910. The mother also died in that township, preceding her husband in death by nearly forty years, her demise occurring in December, 1871. Both were early settlers of Lucas county, coming to Otter Creek township in the fall of 1861. The father had a military record to his credit, having done duty in the Union army with Company C., Fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. John Lipe had five children, of whom three are living. William, the eldest, who was born April 3, 1862, has since passed away. Phoebe Ann, born August 2, 1863, is also deceased. Mrs. Martha Ellen Pfrimmer, born July 7, 1866, resides in Otter Creek township. Mrs. Sarah Frances Eaton was born in December, 1870, and is also a resident of that township. The other member of the family is John W., our subject, who was the fourth in order of birth. The father subsequently married again, of this second union being born the following children: Mrs. Addie Harvey, a resident of Otter Creek township; Mrs. Alvie Lovina Baker, also of that township; and Winfred LeRoy and Wilford, twins, both deceased.

John W. Lipe was reared under the parental roof, losing his mother when only about three years of age. In the acquirement of his education he attended the schools of the neighborhood and subsequently assisted his father in the work of the farm. He has since become the owner of eighty acres of choice land on sections 13 and 14, Otter Creek township, which are under a high state of cultivation. His improvements are in excellent condition and his home is comfortable and well and modernly equipped. Beside general farming Mr. Lipe specializes in stock raising, deriving a gratifying income from both lines of endeavor.



John W. Lipe was married to Sarah G. McClane and of this union were born two daughters, Isyl and Opal. Politically he is a socialist and in religious matters a member of the Latter Day Saints church of Otter Creek. Fraternally he affiliates with Senna Lodge, No. 344, A. F. & A. M., of Liberty Center, Iowa. A public-spirited man of progressive tendencies, Mr. Lipe by his individual efforts has largely contributed to the general agricultural advancement and wherever known is highly regarded and esteemed.

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### GEORGE WASHINGTON GARTON.

A pioneer of Wayne county, Iowa, where he has made his home for over sixty years, George Washington Garton has become one of the largest land owners in this section, where he holds title to eight hundred and eighty acres of valuable property on sections 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Clay township, and he takes the more pride in his prosperity because he has secured the same entirely by his own efforts.

Mr. Garton was born in Putnam county, Virginia, November 4, 1844, and is a son of Allen D. and Caroline (Kimberling) Garton. The father was born near Red House Shoals, West Virginia, September 17, 1817, and died in Washington township, Wayne county, Iowa, in November, 1892. Thomas Garton, Sr., the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Virginia, of Scotch-Irish descent, and served as a soldier of the war of the Revolution. His son, Thomas Garton, the grandfather of George W. Garton, also rendered distinguished military service, being a participant in the War of 1812, in which he was seriously wounded. He carried the cartridge ball which disabled him in his leg for about thirty-five years and after the bullet was located and extracted, it was kept by a sister as a memento in remembrance of her brother for a great many years after his death. A peculiar occurrence connected with it is the fact that after a lapse of about fifteen years the bullet crumbled into dust. For generations the family were prominent farmers and large plantation owners in Virginia. The father, Allen D. Garton, in 1851 left his native state with his family and, coming down the Ohio river as far as St. Louis, then proceeded up the Mississippi to Keokuk. There he purchased a team and made his way to Jefferson county, Iowa, and thence to Wayne county, where he arrived in Washington township, October 10, 1851, and there remained until his death. There were no railroads at the time and the nearest trading point was Chariton. The means of locomotion were ox teams and much of the travel was by foot and therefore necessarily slow. The father became one of the substantial farmers of Wayne county and served in a number of public offices, being county assessor from 1857 until 1858, and serving as justice of the peace for ten years. He was a man of studious mind and a lover of books, well read and highly educated. In 1837 he united with the Methodist church and after coming to Washington township became a member of the Baptist denomination. On October 3, 1843, he married Miss Caroline Kimberling, who died May 31, 1860, and to them were born eight children, of whom George W., our subject, is the eldest. J. M., the next in order of birth, died while young and Henry B. is also deceased. F. M. resides

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in Oklahoma and T. E. makes his home in Washington township. The next in the family is N. H. Garton, a resident of Allerton, Iowa. Mrs. Elizabeth (Garton) Holmes died in Hunnerton in 1911. The youngest member is Cassius A., a resident of Decatur county, Iowa. In October, 1861, the father married Mary Raines, a daughter of John and Ellen Raines, and they became the parents of six children: Charles W., a resident of Broken Bow, Nebraska; Emma May, also of Nebraska; Willis L., of the same state; and William A., Mary A. and Maria F. The three eldest children were born in Virginia but the younger ones were born in Iowa and all were reared in Wayne county.

George W. Garton came with his parents to Wayne county in 1851, when a boy of only seven years, and received his education in the schools of the neighborhood. He early assisted his father with the work of the farm and became acquainted with the best methods of agriculture. Subsequently he taught school for four years in Wayne county and in the course of his work in that capacity introduced a novelty along the line of teaching geography in this section which was, that by singing the lessons they might more easily be fixed in the minds of the pupils. This new departure he instituted in 1866. He began to teach in 1865 when twenty-one years old and has in his possession one of the oldest certificates to be found in the county. Subsequently he turned all his attention to agriculture and as success attended his efforts he increased his holdings until he is now the owner of eight hundred and eighty acres of finely cultivated and highly valuable land in Clay township, Wayne county, on sections 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10, equipped with four sets of improvements. Progressive and energetic, he has always followed the most up-to-date methods in agriculture and has become one of the substantial men of the locality.

Mr. Garton was married, January 20, 1870, to Miss Mary S. Shipley, who was born in Missouri, March 6, 1849, and died in Clay township, Wayne county, March 16, 1910. Her father was Richard R. Shipley, a native of Kentucky, who died in Clio, Iowa, at the age of eighty-nine years, while her mother passed away when Mrs. Garton was quite young. The family were early pioneers of the state of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Garton are the parents of the following children: William R., a resident of Clay township; one who died in infancy; Allen D., who passed away at the age of two years and ten months; Gilbert Hollister, a resident of Clay township; Samuel, who makes his home in the same township; and Edward, also residing there. The four eldest children were born in Richman township and the younger ones are natives of Clay township.

Mr. Garton is a staunch democrat and has held all of the local township offices, an indication of his popularity and the esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens. In 1903 he was democratic nominee for state representative for Wayne county and has attended a number of county and state conventions and always has been a valued man in the councils of his party. His sons have also aspired to public office and one at present holds the office of justice of the peace in Clay township while another is assessor in the same township. The family are members of the Baptist church in Clay township, in the work of which they take active and helpful interest, and Mr. Garton gave liberally of his means towards the construction of the church building as well as donated the land upon which it was built. He is an exemplary member of the Masonic body.

being connected with Clay Lodge, No. 191, A. F. & A. M., of which for many years he was worshipful master. In his various relations of life he has shown himself to be a man of strong character and high principles and has become a force for good in the community in which he makes his home, where he is highly regarded by all who know him. As a pioneer of this section he has not only been an interested witness of the changes that have occurred but has been largely instrumental in bringing about the general advancement which has made the wild prairie one of the most fertile sections of the middle west. In whatever relation he has done service his work has been of a high order and the prosperity which has come to him is well merited and while he has attained individual success along agricultural lines he has been constructive in the development of new methods in this section of the country.

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### W. J. S. TAYLOR.

W. J. S. Taylor, a resident of Humeston, who came to the state of Iowa sixty-eight years ago and has been a pioneer of Wayne county, where he has made his home for half a century, can look back upon a career which stands forth as a credit to his industry, energy and ability. Successful along agricultural lines, he is the owner of a productive farm of two hundred acres on sections 21 and 34, Richman township, and for thirty years ran successfully a gristmill in this vicinity and was also prominent as a stock-raiser. Moreover, he was a leader in all movements which were inaugurated to promote growth and development and his efforts along those lines were recognized in his election to the highest office within the gift of the people of Humeston— that of mayor.

Mr. Taylor was born in Indiana, December 2, 1843, and is a son of James and Elizabeth Fair (Steele) Taylor, the former a native of east Tennessee, where he was born April 5, 1818, and the latter born August 14, 1823. In the spring of 1845 the parents with their family came overland from Indiana and settled in Davis county, Iowa, where the father followed agricultural pursuits for fifteen years. In the spring of 1860 another removal was made to Decatur county, this state, which remained the home of the family for three years before they came, in the spring of 1863, to Richman township, Wayne county. Here the father engaged in agriculture and attained prominence, passing away in Humeston, Iowa, July 28, 1892, greatly respected by all who know him, while the mother survived until April 15, 1910, dying at the same place. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Jesse Steele, who was born February 7, 1795, and spent a great part of his life in the state of Pennsylvania, passing away January 23, 1844. The maternal grandmother, Jane Y. (Fair) Steele, was born October 5, 1805, and died August 1, 1904. The Fair family to which this grandmother belonged was of French extraction, leaving that country during the days of religious persecution and inquisition about 1685, and there is a record extant which tells of the marriage of Nicholas Fair to a Miss Elizabeth Taylor in about 1752. This direct ancestor of our subject in the maternal line soon after his marriage moved to Pennsylvania and from there to Washington county, Tennessee. He had eight children, of whom five served in the American

army at the time of the battle of King's Mountain, and Mr. Taylor has in his possession a genealogical record which extends from this period to the present day. Five brothers of Elizabeth Fair (Steele) Taylor, the mother of our subject, who are now deceased, fought in the Union ranks during the Rebellion and the youngest of them was imprisoned at Andersonville for nine months, at the end of which time he made an attempt—driven to desperation and preferring immediate death to endless torture—to escape and succeeded.

Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor were the parents of seven children, as follows: W. J. S., of this review; Mrs. Jennie Veach, who was born August 4, 1847, and died in August, 1912; Mrs. Paulina Chamberlain, born September 10, 1850, a resident of San Diego, California; Mrs. Asilee Stone, born May 22, 1853, residing in Arkansas; Mrs. Henrietta Poundstone, born June 15, 1857, of Humeston, Iowa; Mrs. Clara S. Hendricks, born May 22, 1860, a resident of Concordia, Kansas; and Mrs. Ada T. Brecken, who was born May 12, 1865, and now makes her home in Barnard, Kansas.

W. J. S. Taylor was only two years of age when the family removed to Iowa, where he was reared on the home farm in Davis county, attending the schools of the neighborhood in the acquirement of his education. He lived there until 1860, when he moved with his parents to Decatur county and from there came to Richman township, Wayne county, in the spring of 1863 and here he has since remained. An incident which he well remembers and which is illustrative of the sparse settlement of this section at that period is that the votes cast at the first election which took place after the family had come to this township amounted to twenty-three for that district. All the removals of the family were made by team, as there were no railroads at the time and they were fraught with difficulties on account of the impassibility of the roads or their entire absence. He was the only child of the family born in Indiana, the remainder all being natives of this state. In the spring of 1873 he began the operation of a mill in Richman township and continued in that occupation successfully for thirty years, although he was engaged at the same time in operating the home farm, which comprises two hundred acres of fertile land on sections 21 and 34, Richman township, and on which he made many improvements, erecting a number of new buildings and instituting such equipment as he considered necessary for operation. He specializes along the line of stock-raising and since 1889 has owned one of the best herds of Duroc Jersey swine to be found in Iowa, keeping a complete record of this stock. As the years have passed he has attained to prosperity and has become one of the substantial men of the community. He is highly esteemed as one of the pioneers of the section and respected by all who know him. He resides in Humeston, where he owns a comfortable home, well furnished, where he and Mrs. Taylor extend warm-hearted hospitality to their many friends.

On September 23, 1868, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage, in Wayne county, Iowa, to Miss Rachel McKinley, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, October 6, 1847, and came with her parents to this county in September, 1863, when about sixteen years of age. Her father, Willoughby McKinley, was born in Ohio, April 23, 1820, and died in Richman township, August 19, 1896. The mother, who was Miss Elizabeth Carter before her marriage, was a native of the same state, born in Guernsey county, February 11, 1824, and died in Richman township, this county, July 12, 1885. They were the parents of three

children: John R., born February 23, 1846, a resident of California; Mrs. W. J. S. Taylor; and George W., born August 6, 1852, who died in Richman township, December 16, 1909. These children were all born in the state of Ohio. Mrs. Taylor's paternal grandparents were William and Tamer (Brown) McKinley, the former born October 17, 1777, and the latter December 12, 1791. They were among the earlier settlers of Ohio, to which state they had come from Pennsylvania. The grandfather passed away February 20, 1858, and the grandmother June 27, 1845. The maternal grandfather, Richard Carter, was born September 28, 1790, and died February 23, 1842, while his wife, who was Miss Rachel Russell before her marriage, was born November 4, 1799, and died in 1861. The McKinley family is closely related to that of the late President William McKinley, the two branches having become separated at the time of the removal from Pennsylvania to Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. S. Taylor are the parents of five children, all of whom were born in Richman township: Alfred, who was born June 21, 1870, and resides in Richman township; James Lewis, born October 17, 1874, a jeweler and optician in Humeston; Willoughby McKinley, born August 29, 1878, a resident of California; Elizabeth Florence, who was born February 3, 1882, educated in the Humeston high school and at Grinnell and Des Moines colleges, and who taught music in Richman and vicinity for some time and is at present attending the Conservatory of Music in Chicago; and Mrs. Ruth Louvene Bevington, born February 4, 1884, who makes her home in Centerville, Iowa.

Mr. Taylor is a republican in politics, although he does not strictly follow the party's dictates and oftentimes follows his own judgment in supporting candidates. Public-spirited and interested in the growth and development of this section, he has been called upon to serve in public office and has made a creditable record as tax collector of Richman township, as a member of the town council of Humeston, to which body he belonged for fifteen years, and also as mayor of this city. He was the first to fill this office and during his administration much constructive legislation was passed pertaining to the city government, with which he has been vitally connected. The family are members of the Congregational church of Humeston and take an active and helpful interest in the work of that organization. While he has attained to prosperity and has encompassed individual success, his labors have been of constructive value in the development of this section, where he has been instrumental in improving the methods of agriculture and stock-raising by his example. His service in public positions has been such as received high commendation, and in private life Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are well liked and highly esteemed for their many good qualities of mind and character.

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#### ANDREW J. SURBAUGH.

Andrew J. Surbaugh is a native of Wayne county, where he was born October 11, 1866, and during all his life has been connected with agricultural interests of his native section. In the November election of 1912 he was chosen to the important position of sheriff of Wayne county and on January 2, 1913,



entered upon his new position, for which his many high qualities and his ability well fit him. He was born in Clay township, in which he spent most of his life in the country, but since January makes his home in Corydon. His father, John Surbaugh, was born at Green Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, and died in Clay township in 1877. The mother, Elizabeth (Guinn) Surbaugh, was a native of the same state and she and her husband came to Clay township, Wayne county, in the early days, being among the pioneers of this section. Both were well and prominently known during all their lives for their many high qualities of mind and character and Mr. Surbaugh became one of the substantial men of the locality. The mother passed away in Clay township, May 16, 1910, surviving her husband for about thirty-three years. In their family were twelve children, of whom seven are now living: Mrs. Nettie Caldwell, residing in Lewisburg, Iowa; Mrs. Alice Guinn, a resident of Bentonville, Iowa; Mrs. Mae Reck, born May 10, 1848, residing at Allerton, Iowa; Mrs. Lucy Caldwell, who lives at Lewisburg, Iowa; Mrs. Cynthia McGuire, residing in Humeston; Andrew J., of this review; and John, born February 3, 1872, of Clay township. Lee died in 1877, Mrs. Hattie Caldwell passed away in 1894, Rachel, Lola and Grace died in infancy.

Andrew J. Surbaugh was reared under the parental roof and attended the schools in the neighborhood in the acquirement of his education. He early was trained to agricultural pursuits, remaining in this line of occupation continuously. He now owns a farm of one hundred and eighty acres and thereon he has a modern, well furnished home and all such improvements as are deemed essential in the cultivation of an up-to-date farming enterprise. His property is one of the most valuable in this section and bespeaks the energy, industry and progressiveness of its owner. On November 5, 1912, Mr. Surbaugh was elected to the office of sheriff of Wayne county on the democratic ticket, his victory being highly complimentary to him, as it was won in the face of a majority of four hundred which is generally given to the other side. It speaks well for his popularity and the confidence which is given him by the people. He assumed the duties of his office on January 2, 1913, assured of the good wishes of his many friends and acquaintances.

Andrew J. Surbaugh was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Olson on January 6, 1886. Mrs. Surbaugh is a native of Mercer county, Illinois, and grew to womanhood in that state. Her parents were Olof and Christina Olson, both of whom passed away in Illinois. In their family were five daughters: Mrs. Christina Morford, deceased; Mrs. Anna Williner, a resident of Galesburg, Illinois; Mrs. Bertie Loquist, deceased; Mrs. Surbaugh; and Mrs. Susie Grant, of Woodhull, Illinois. The parents were among the early settlers in Illinois, making their home near North Henderson, and there all their children were born and reared. Mr. and Mrs. Surbaugh are the parents of four children, who were born in Clay township with the exception of the second son: Ray, a barber of Humeston, Iowa; Earl, born in Mercer county, Illinois, who assists the father in the cultivation of the farm; Stella, residing with her parents; and Floyd, also at home. The family are devoted members of the Baptist church, in the work of which organization they take an active interest.

Mr. Surbaugh is a democrat in his political views and has always taken a keen interest in all matters of public importance. He always keeps well informed



upon the issues at stake and his advice is often sought in local political circles. Public honors have come to him manifold and he has served as trustee of Clay township, as member of the school board, as assessor and as road supervisor, discharging his duties in connection with the various offices he has held with a fidelity and ability that have received high commendation from his constituents. He is successful in the truest sense of the word, a man unusually broad minded and intelligent, not only attaining individual success but being a helpful and cooperant factor in the general advancement as well.

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