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## WILLIAM R. BURTON.

Macaulay has said that "the history of a country is best told in the lives of its people," and if we would preserve the history of any section, the facts must be preserved while those who have been participants in important events still remain to tell the tale of their activities. There is no one better qualified to speak of Adams county and its annals than Hon. William R. Burton, so closely has he been associated with events that figure prominently in its records. He is a product of the frontier of Southwestern Missouri, where he was born June 30, 1843, the eldest of five children born to the marriage of Garrett Burton and Catherine Ware. He was a student in the Northwestern Christian University at Indianapolis, Indiana, at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war and, laying aside his textbooks, he enlisted July, 1861, in response to the country's call for aid, becoming a member of Company E, Twenty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until wounded in one of the engagements of the Vicksburg campaign. After recovering from his injuries he served in the quartermaster's department of the Army of the Cumberland under General Thomas until honorably discharged at the close of the war in 1865.

For a time Mr. Burton engaged in the practice of law in Union county, Indiana, but temporarily abandoned that profession to become a member of the editorial staff of the Indianapolis Journal. In 1883 he removed to Adams county, Nebraska, and for a time engaged in teaching school, but the recognition of his ability as a lawyer, his public spirit and his trustworthiness as a citizen led to his election to the office of judge of the city court of Hastings in 1887, every ballot except one being cast in his favor. In 1889 he was elected county judge and served upon the bench in that capacity until January, 1894, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial, so that he "won golden opinions from all sorts of people." Since then he has devoted his attention to the practice of law.

Judge Burton was married in 1873 to Miss Anna J. Langtree, of Madison, Indiana, and they have one son. For almost the third of a century the family have resided in this state and throughout the entire period Mr. Burton has not only been an interested witness of the events which have occurred in shaping the history of his county, but has been a most active participant in many and on more than one occasion has been the leader and molders of public thought and action.

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### JAMES P. A. BLACK.

James P. A. Black, of Hastings, is a typical western man, plain and unassuming in manner, strong and upright in purpose, readily adapting himself to changing conditions or the needs of any situation and at all times alert, enterprising, progressive and honorable. He is largely a self-educated as well as a self-made man and is one of the stalwart characters that the west produces, his powers having grown through the exercise of effort. The feeling entertained for him throughout the community in which he lives is indicated in the fact that he is known as "Jim" to all of his friends and yet high honors have come to him at the hands of his fellow townsmen and success in large measure has rewarded his efforts. He is today president of the German National Bank of Hastings and at the same time he is widely known as a successful lawyer and real estate dealer.

Mr. Black was born in Prospect, Butler county, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1854, a son of Isaac and Jane Black, natives of Ohio and of Pennsylvania respectively. The father was a teacher during much of his life and in 1860 went to the Omaha Indian Mission, being sent there as a teacher by the Presbyterian Board of Missions. He continued in that work until 1867, when he established his home upon a farm in Nemaha county, Nebraska. About 1871, however, he returned to the Omaha Reservation, where he remained as a teacher in the employ of the government until the spring of 1879, when he removed to Bloomington, Franklin county, Nebraska, and there lived retired. In 1905 he came to Hastings, where he passed away at the advanced age of eighty-four years. In early life he had been superintendent of schools in Butler county, Pennsylvania. His entire career was characterized by useful service for the benefit of others and his influence was of no restricted order. His wife was a native of Butler county, Pennsylvania, where she was reared and educated, and she too has passed away. They were long consistent members of the



Presbyterian church and their Christian lives constituted a potent influence and example for good wherever they were known. They had three children: W. Stewart, who died in 1873; James P. A.; and one who died in infancy while the family were making the trip to the west.

Mr. Black was about five and a half years of age when the family left Pennsylvania and started for the west. His youth being largely passed amid the Indian tribe of the Omaha Reservation, he picked up the language of the red men with a readiness with which a child always masters a foreign tongue, and he used the Indian language so largely that for some time after leaving the reservation he did not speak real plain, pure English. He went to school with the Indians until thirteen years of age, at which time the family removed to Nemaha county, after which the father instructed Mr. Black and his brother on the farm. In the spring of 1870 he removed to Peru, Nebraska, where Mr. Black entered the State Normal School, there remaining until his graduation with the class of 1876. His course, however, was not continuous, for during that period he taught in the district schools for three years and with the money thus earned paid his own way through normal. Determining upon the practice of law as a life work, he began studying with the firm of Cobb, Marquette & Moore, of Lincoln, Nebraska, and in the spring of 1877 was admitted to the bar, after which he went to Bloomington, where he entered upon active practice, there remaining until the fall of 1904. He also extended his efforts into other fields, for in 1882 he established the Franklin County Bank at Bloomington, a private banking institution, which he conducted in connection with a partner. About 1889 this was converted into a state bank with Mr. Black as president and thus he continued until 1904, when he sold his interest and removed to Hastings. Here he purchased stock in the German National Bank, was at once elected its president and has since continued in that capacity. He has also been attorney for the bank throughout the entire period but otherwise does no active professional work at the present time.

In 1883 Mr. Black was married to Miss Kittie Ross, a native of Butler county, Pennsylvania, where she was reared and educated. They became the parents of a daughter, Edna, who is now the widow of M. O. Bishop. Mrs. Black passed away in 1885 in the faith of the Presbyterian church, of which she was a consistent member. In December, 1891, Mr. Black wedded Mrs. Candace W. Tussey, a native of Ohio, but an old resident of Adams county.

In his political views Mr. Black is a stalwart republican and under appointment served as county treasurer of Franklin county, Nebraska,

while for two years he was county attorney. His opinions have long carried weight in party councils and he has contributed in substantial measure to republican successes. He studies thoroughly the questions and issues of the day so that he is always ready to support his position by intelligent argument. Mr. Black was made a Mason in Joppa Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., of Bloomington, and belongs to Hastings Chapter, R. A. M. He has been very prominent in the order, having served as grand orator, grand marshal, grand deacon, grand senior warden and in 1893 as grand master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. He has also taken all of the degrees of the Scottish Rite and has been a very prominent worker and representative of the craft. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian church and they occupy a very enviable social position. Aside from his other interests Mr. Black has dealt largely in real estate and is now the owner of much valuable property, including both town and farm lands. When Judge Guslin, one of the early noted jurists of Nebraska, passed away it was his request that Jim Black take charge of the services of the funeral, which he did. This is but one evidence of his standing among his fellow citizens. He is always approachable, courteous and kindly and his cordiality is unfeigned, for he has a deep interest in his fellow-men and is thoroughly alive to all conditions of the present and its opportunities. He stands today strong in his honor and his good name, strong in his ability to plan and to perform.

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### THOMAS KENNEDY.

Adams county owes the greater part of its prosperity to the labors of its energetic and progressive agriculturists, among whom Thomas Kennedy was numbered. He acquired title to valuable farm land on sections 4 and 5, Highland township, and for many years devoted his time and energies to its cultivation and improvement and in the course of time acquired financial independence. His demise, which occurred on the 10th of October, 1914, was sincerely mourned and his memory is still honored by those who knew him. His birth occurred in County Sligo, Ireland, on the 27th of August, 1843, and his parents were James and Bridget (Gilligan) Kennedy. The family was originally Scotch but later settled in the north and west of Ireland. The father, who was a weaver by trade, preceded his family to this country and prepared a home for them, after which they joined him. For some time they lived in Waterloo, New York, whence they removed to

Chicago, where they spent ten years. The next removal was to a farm in the vicinity of Fall River, Wisconsin, and there the father and mother passed away. To them were born nine children, Bridget, Thomas, James, Michael, William, John, Catherine, Mary and Margaret, the three eldest of whom were natives of Ireland, while the others were born in America. All of the daughters are now married and Michael owns the homestead.

Thomas Kennedy was ten years of age when he came to this country and continued his education in the public schools here. About 1877 or 1878 he came to Nebraska with Thomas Kernan and while on the way to Hastings met Mr. Fisher, who was also intending to locate in this locality. Mr. Fisher established a bakery at Hastings and met with gratifying success in his undertaking and Mr. Kennedy settled on three hundred and twenty acres of land on section 5, Highland township. Subsequently he bought eighty acres on section 4, which made the total of his holdings four hundred acres, and his well directed labors enabled him to secure a handsome financial return from his land. He raised hogs and cattle and also grew considerable grain. At first he raised corn and oats but later substituted wheat for oats. After his first home was burned he erected the present residence, which is a comfortable and well designed structure, and he also built good barns and outbuildings.

On the 19th of February, 1889, Mr. Kennedy was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Conroy, a daughter of Stephen and Catherine (Wright) Conroy, both natives of Ireland. Mrs. Kennedy was born in County Galway on the 19th of August, 1864, and was one of a family of seven children to emigrate to this country, the others being John, Mark, James, Mary, Annie and Katherine. To Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy were born six children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are Mary, James, Thomas, Katherine and William, all of whom are residing on the homestead.

Mr. Kennedy was one of the founders of St. Patrick's Catholic church in Highland township and helped to defray the expense of erecting the house of worship. His wife is also a communicant of that church and takes a commendable interest in the advancement of its work. He gave his political allegiance to the democratic party and could be depended upon to fulfill his duties as a citizen although he never took a prominent part in politics. His time was taken up with the work of developing his farm and the care and labor which he bestowed upon it were well rewarded. His land was kept in a high state of cultivation and he seldom failed to harvest good crops, while his stock raising interests also proved profitable. When he removed

to his place it was still wild prairie and he broke the sod with oxen—a tedious and arduous task. The success which he gained was well deserved, for it was the direct reward of his enterprise, industry and good judgment, and he was justly accounted one of the leading residents of his township.

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### W. T. CARSON, M. D.

Dr. W. T. Carson, who follows the most improved scientific methods in the practice of medicine and surgery, is one of the more recent arrivals in Hastings, having taken up his abode here in October, 1915, but he is not unknown in the county, for he had previously practiced with success at Holstein. He was born in Moline, Illinois, July 24, 1867, a son of Peter N. and Ida (Gurius) Carson, both of whom were natives of Germany but in early life came to the United States. They were married in Moline, Illinois, and removed to La Crosse, Wisconsin, where W. T. Carson attended the public schools until twelve years of age. The family then went to Denver, Colorado, where they lived for one year. They removed to Hastings, Nebraska, in 1881, and the first set of abstract books for Adams county was made by Mr. Carson. For some time he was deputy county clerk and was very able in the discharge of his duties. W. T. Carson remained in Denver until 1885, when he came to Hastings and spent one year as a student in Hastings College. He afterward attended the State University of Iowa, there pursuing his medical course, which he completed by graduation with the class of 1889. He then located for practice in Holstein, where he remained for twenty-six years, or until October, 1915, when he returned to Hastings and opened an office. He is widely recognized as an able physician and his ability has brought to him a liberal and growing practice.

In early manhood Dr. Carson was united in marriage to Miss Jennie E. Larsen, a daughter of C. P. Larsen. They have two children, Leona and William, both of whom are attending school. Fraternally Dr. Carson is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and filled nearly all of the offices in the camp at Holstein, of which he was a charter member. He is identified with the Eagles at Hastings and the Sons of Herman. He belongs to the Lutheran church and in his political views is a republican, being recognized as one of the active leaders in the local ranks of the party. He served



DR. W. T. CARSON



as chairman of the town board when in Holstein and as mayor of the city and was a member of the school board there and also treasurer of the school district. His attention, however, has chiefly been concentrated along the line of his profession. He is not only a graduate physician but also a registered pharmacist and likewise a graduate of the Jacksonian Optical College. These add to his efficiency in the treatment of patients and at all times he keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought and progress. He belongs to the Adams County, Nebraska State, and American Medical Associations, is also a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and has taken several post-graduate courses and also attended clinics in Germany, specializing in the diseases of women and children. He reads broadly, thinks deeply and the result of his investigations is manifest in his growing ability in his practice.

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### TRUMAN S. PHILLIPS.

Truman S. Phillips was an efficient and up-to-date farmer and his well directed labors yielded him a gratifying financial return. He was also recognized as a public-spirited citizen and in his early manhood gave indisputable proof of his patriotism by enlisting for service in the Union army in the Civil war. A native of the state of New York, his birth occurred on the 3d of June, 1838, and his parents were Asa and Sarah Ann Phillips. They removed to the vicinity of St. Catharines, Canada, when our subject was but a child and there the mother passed away in 1843. The father continued to reside there until 1858, when he returned to the United States. His last days were spent in California, where his demise occurred in 1894.

Truman S. Phillips received a public school education and during his boyhood and youth also became familiar with the best methods of agricultural work. In 1858 he removed to Grundy county, Illinois, and engaged in farming rented land there until September, 1862, when he joined Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He remained at the front with his command until 1865, and took part in over one hundred battles and marched over three thousand miles. His regiment was one of four mentioned in general orders for marching and good discipline. The greater part of Mr. Phillips' service was in the south and he participated in the Tallahatchie campaign and the Vicksburg Expedition under General Sherman, in the battle of Chickasaw Bayou and the

battle of Arkansas Post, in which his regiment was the first to break through the enemy's lines and plant their colors, in the Grand Gulf campaign, the battle of Champion's Hill, in a number of engagements around Vicksburg, in the battles of Jackson and Chattanooga, in the Atlanta and the Savannah campaigns and the battles of Fayetteville and Bentonville. On the 3d of August, 1864, Mr. Phillips was wounded in the leg by a minie ball and his widow still has the bullet in her possession. She also has a sword which he captured from a rebel and many other relics of his military experience. After participating in the Grand Review and receiving his honorable discharge from the army Mr. Phillips went to Gardner, Illinois, where he engaged in farming and blacksmithing until 1897. In that year he came to Kenesaw township, Adams county, and purchased two hundred and forty acres, on which he made his home until his demise on the 9th of July, 1903. He was a man of great energy and spared no pains in bringing his farm to a high state of development and in keeping everything about the place in the best possible condition. He did general farming and received a gratifying income from his land.

On the 13th of October, 1868, occurred the marriage of Mr. Phillips and Miss Jane E. Harpham, of Gardner, Illinois, who was born in Spaulding, England, on the 13th of December, 1850. Her parents, Samuel and Sarah Harpham, were both natives of England and her father served for seven years in the English army. In 1850 he removed with his family to the United States and located in Michigan, where he resided for nineteen years, after which he took up his residence in the vicinity of Gardner, Illinois. In 1861 he went to the defense of his adopted country, enlisting in Company B, Fifty-third Illinois Infantry. He took part in the engagements at Savannah, Shiloh, Corinth, Jackson and Vicksburg and in the Yoena Expedition. Following the expiration of their first term of enlistment his entire regiment reenlisted and fought in the Atlanta campaign and in the Carolina campaign in the pursuit of General Hood. They took part in the Grand Review at Washington and were mustered out on the 22d of July, 1865, at Chicago. Mr. Harpham made a record of which he had every right to be proud, never faltering in the performance of any duty no matter how arduous or dangerous. He not only took part in many engagements but also made an unusual number of long marches, covering in all seven thousand twenty-three miles. After the period of hostilities he returned to the pursuits of civil life and for some time farmed in the vicinity of Gardner, Illinois, where he later conducted a butcher shop. He passed away in 1901 and his wife died in 1895.



Mr. and Mrs. Phillips became the parents of eight children: Edward L., a resident of Forest City, Iowa; Anna, the wife of S. Allison, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Asa, who is living in Kenesaw; Norman, deceased; Betsy, the wife of C. Erickson, who resides near Prosser; Cornelia, deceased; Ella, who married M. Rogers, of Los Angeles, California; and Daniel, at home.

Mr. Phillips was a stalwart adherent of the republican party which upheld the Union in the darkest days of its history. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church and he held membership in the Grand Army of the Republic while living in Illinois. His life was a busy and useful one and in carrying on his agricultural operations he contributed to the development of his locality as well as gained financial independence for himself. His personality was such that he gained the warm regard of those with whom he was brought in close contact and his friends still honor his memory.

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#### E. WEEKS.

E. Weeks is one of the prominent agriculturists of Adams county. He lives in the vicinity of Juniata, where he owns an entire section of land, upon which he has four sets of buildings and other substantial improvements. He likewise has other farm property in the county and elsewhere in the state and his possessions are the visible evidence of an active and well spent life, his course ever being marked by indefatigable energy intelligently directed. He was born in Staffordshire, England, February 8, 1854, a son of Thomas and Rebecca Weeks, who in the year 1861 came to the United States, settling at Kewanee, Illinois. There the mother passed away, after which the father removed to Fountain Green, Utah, where his death occurred in the year 1905. His entire life was devoted to coal mining. To his first marriage there were born seven children: Hannah and Thomas, both deceased; E., of this review; Mrs. Rachel Whitehouse, of Hall county, Nebraska; H. W., living in Kewanee, Illinois; Israel, deceased; and Martha, whose home is in Chicago, Illinois. After losing his first wife the father married Betty Bates, a native of England, and their children are Mrs. Tillie Collard, a resident of Fountain Green, Utah; and Mrs. Mary A. Ostler.

E. Weeks was a little lad of but seven years when brought by his parents to the new world. He is a self-made man in the truest and best sense of the term. He attended the common schools but his edu-

cational privileges were extremely limited, for when but nine years of age he began working in the mines and was thus employed at digging coal until he reached the age of twenty-six years. He then removed to Union county, Iowa, and for eight years engaged in farming a mile north of Creston, after which he came to Nebraska, settling in Verona township near the Bigelow schoolhouse. He took up his abode there in 1888 and continued to engage in farming upon that tract of land until 1891, when he removed to his present place near Juniata. To his farm he has added all modern improvements, making it one of the valuable properties of the county. It is equipped with all the accessories and conveniences of the model farm of the twentieth century and is a most attractive and well kept place. On this tract are four sets of buildings, and he also has eighty acres on section 18 in Denver township. He holds title to six hundred and forty acres in Adams county, a half section in Perkins county, Nebraska, and land at Lakeview, Oregon.

In 1880, at Kewanee, Illinois, Mr. Weeks was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Coats, by whom he has four children, namely: Ina, the wife of Charles Cooper, who lives near the home of his father-in-law; Elbert, a resident of Verona township, this county; Vada, who is the wife of Miller Kindig and resides near Juniata; and John L., living on the home place.

Mr. Weeks formerly gave his political allegiance to the republican party but is now supporting President Wilson. He holds to progressive ideas on political questions and stands for all that is best in citizenship. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church and is a member of the Modern Woodmen camp at Juniata, in which he has held all of the offices. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers Elevator Company of Juniata and is a most progressive citizen, wide-awake, alert and enterprising, carefully directing his business efforts and winning success through persistent energy, determination and honorable dealing.

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### JOHN M. TEELING.

John M. Teeling is proprietor of the Clarke Hotel, which is not only the leading hostelry of Hastings, but also one of the finest in the state, and ranks as one of the finest hotels between Chicago and Denver. It is conducted according to the most modern ideas of hotel

management, being under the control of a most progressive, enterprising business man.

Mr. Teeling was born at Waukon, Iowa, August 15, 1877. His father, James Teeling, was a native of County Clare, Ireland, and there married Anna Martin, after which they came to the United States, in 1872, establishing their home upon a farm near Lansing, Iowa, where their remaining days were passed. The father died in 1878 and the mother passed away later in the same year, leaving John M. Teeling an orphan during his early infancy.

The boy was reared by Mr. and Mrs. James Sweeney, of Allamakee county, Iowa, who had been neighbors of his parents, and he there attended the country schools until he reached the age of fourteen years. In 1898 he went to Milwaukee, where he entered upon his career as a hotel man, becoming night clerk in the Schlitz Hotel, then the leading hostelry of that city. He was connected therewith for a year and a half, after which he went to Merrill, Wisconsin, where he became night clerk in the new Lincoln Hotel. Three months later he was made day clerk and seven months afterward became manager of the hotel, which he conducted until June, 1911. At that date he went to Rapid City as manager of the Harney Hotel, there remaining for six months, when he was transferred by the Midwest Hotel Company to the Widman Hotel at Mitchell, South Dakota, where he remained for six months. On the expiration of that period he leased the new Lincoln Hotel at Watertown, South Dakota, furnished it and conducted it for a year, after which he disposed of his lease. He then came to Hastings, Nebraska, and in February, 1914, rented the Clarke Hotel, which is one of the finest hotels of the middle west, being scarcely equalled between Chicago and Denver. It contains one hundred and twenty rooms, sixty with bath, and has every modern convenience and equipment. The interior finishing is artistic and attractive and the most careful attention has been paid to sanitation, ventilation, lighting, heating and, in fact, everything that will contribute to the comfort of the guest. The cuisine is unexcelled and the most courteous attention is demanded of all employes.

On the 17th of February, 1901, at Merrill, Wisconsin, Mr. Teeling was united in marriage to Miss Mollie Phielman. Mrs. Teeling died April 20, 1910, and Mr. Teeling was married August 15, 1911, to Mrs. Amanda Kyes, of Merrill, Wisconsin. He is a Catholic in religious faith and she is a Lutheran. Fraternally he belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His political indorsement is given to the democratic party, and while living at Merrill, Wisconsin,

he served for two years as city alderman. He is now serving on the staff of Governor Morehead with the rank of colonel. His activities in the hotel field have made him widely known. He has an extensive acquaintance throughout the country and is a popular host, geniality and affability winning him friends, while his splendid business qualifications command for him the respect and confidence of those with whom he is brought in contact.

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### R. L. WOODS.

R. L. Woods is identified with the business interests of Prosser as the owner and manager of an up-to-date and well patronized hardware store and has gained recognition as a man of enterprise and sound judgment. His birth occurred in Erie county, Pennsylvania, on the 27th of November, 1864, and his parents were Albert D. and Mary Etta (Coon) Woods. They were born and reared in New York state, where their marriage occurred, but subsequently removed to Pennsylvania, whence they came to Nebraska in 1871. They located in Otoe county, and there the father passed away in that year. Subsequently the mother returned to Pennsylvania with her family, but still later removed to Portland, Oregon, where she died in 1914. The father followed the occupation of farming and stock dealing, and as he was industrious and understood the business thoroughly he met with a gratifying measure of success. There were five children in the family, namely: O. S., who is living at Pauline, this state; R. L.; Leland, deceased; Clarence A., who resides southwest of Blue Hill, in Webster county, Nebraska; and Susie B., the wife of Joseph Bayliss, of Lincoln.

R. L. Woods received a good common school education and remained with his mother until he reached the age of thirteen years, when he returned to Otoe county, Nebraska. After he attained his majority he engaged in farming in that county for some time, but in 1890 went to Milford, Seward county, where he worked for the Adams Express Company for three years. At the end of that time he located near Pauline, Adams county, and for nine years concentrated his energies upon agricultural pursuits. At the end of that time he decided that he would prefer to devote his life to other business pursuits, and accordingly purchased a hardware store at Pauline from Glasier & Son. After conducting that business for some time he came to Prosser in 1912 and purchased a hardware business here,

which he has since owned and managed. He carries a large stock of shelf hardware, paints and oils, and the high quality of his goods, combined with his reasonable prices and fair dealing, has commended him to the support of the public.

Mr. Woods was married in September, 1907, to Miss Reka Rode-macher, by whom he has two sons: Dexter D., who is six years of age; and Chester H., who is three years old.

Mr. Woods supports the republican party, as he believes in its principles, and he is now serving in the office of township clerk. He belongs to the Masonic blue lodge at Blue Hill, the consistory at Hastings and the Shrine at Lincoln, and exemplifies in his life the beneficent teachings of that order. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church and contributes to its support. The representative and lucrative patronage which he has gained is due entirely to his business ability and integrity, and he is recognized as one of the men who are contributing to the commercial growth of Prosser.

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### E. P. HUBBARD.

E. P. Hubbard, manager for the Juniata Grain & Live Stock Association and actively and prominently connected with other business enterprises which are factors in the material development and progress of his village and county, was born at Marselles, in La Salle county, Illinois, December 27, 1862, his parents being Porter and Emily (Godfrey) Hubbard, who were natives of Wisconsin. The mother died when her son, E. P., was but six years of age and he was left an orphan by his father's death when a little lad of nine years. He was the second in a family of three children, his elder brother being Levi, now a resident of El Paso, Texas, while his younger brother is C. S. Hubbard, of Grafton, Nebraska.

At the time of his father's death E. P. Hubbard went to live with S. B. Spicer, remaining upon his farm until he had attained his majority, when the opportunities of the developing west attracted him and he made his way to Nebraska. Here he entered the employ of J. H. Spicer, who was living five miles south of Juniata and with whom he remained for one year. He afterward turned his attention to farming, which he followed for a year, and still later he removed to Colorado, where he secured a preemption claim, complying with the law that ultimately brought him the title to the property. He then returned to Adams county, where he engaged in general farming until

1897, when he became connected with the Juniata Grain & Live Stock Association, of which he has since been the manager. This company operates two elevators at Juniata and is conducting a growing and profitable business. The officers of the company are: T. C. Signor, president; J. F. Gangwish, vice president; W. S. Lamereux, secretary; and E. P. Hubbard, treasurer and manager. These gentlemen constitute the board of directors, together with T. A. Trausch, T. G. Whiting, E. D. Pratt and G. W. Long. The business was organized in 1897, at which time the company purchased an elevator, and in the intervening period they have built two others. Under the management and control of Mr. Hubbard the business is steadily growing and developing and has become an important industry of the county.

In 1891 Mr. Hubbard was married to Miss Hattie L. Harris and they have become the parents of three children: Elizabeth, the wife of C. J. Willtrout, of Juniata; Agnes, who is teaching the commercial course in the Franklin Academy at Franklin, Nebraska; and Edwin, deceased. They now have an adopted son, Paul.

In politics Mr. Hubbard is an earnest democrat and is recognized as one of the active party workers in Adams county. He served as a member of the legislature in the year 1913, has been mayor of Juniata and is now serving as school director. He belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge at Juniata, in which he has passed through all the chairs, and he likewise holds membership in the Modern Woodmen camp there. His sterling worth is recognized by all, for he is loyal to duty, faithful to every trust reposed in him, and thoroughly reliable and straightforward in his business connections.

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### JOHN C. STEVENS.

John C. Stevens, deceased, was one of the prominent members of the Adams county bar, displaying marked skill and ability especially in the field of criminal law. He was born in New Jersey on the 8th of September, 1863, a son of Thomas and Mary (Devereaux) Stevens, who in the year 1883 came to Nebraska and settled upon a farm south of Hastings. They afterward removed to the city but both have now passed away.

John C. Stevens was one of a family of eight children and after attending the public schools he supplemented his course of study by private reading. Entering upon preparation for the bar, he was admitted to practice in Hastings in 1889 and was with the firm of



JOHN C. STEVENS





McCreary, Capps & Stevens in active practice for a long period. No dreary novitiate awaited him. He came to the front almost immediately as a member of the bar, being strong and forceful in argument, clear in his reasoning and logical in his deductions. He was particularly successful as a jury lawyer and many a man accused of crime has felt that his destinies were safe in the hands of Mr. Stevens, who had the reputation of securing more acquittals than perhaps any other practitioner at the Adams county bar. He always prepared his cases with thoroughness and care and was felicitous and clear in argument.

On the 4th of February, 1890, Mr. Stevens was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Ann Rooney, a daughter of James and Bridget Rooney, who were born in Ireland but came to America in 1884. To Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were born two children: Anna Marie, who died at the age of nineteen years; and Philomena, at home. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church, to which Mr. Stevens belonged, and he was also a member of the local organization of the Knights of Columbus. In politics he was a democrat, and while he never sought nor desired public office, he was frequently heard on the rostrum in defense of the principles in which he believed and his eloquence and strong arguments seldom failed to carry conviction. He was very prominent in both state and national politics and was honored by being made chairman of the national committee of the democratic party. Aside from his practice he had business interests as a stockholder in the Clarke Hotel and by reason of his carefully conducted financial affairs he was able to leave his family in comfortable circumstances when on the 23d of January, 1914, he passed away. He left behind him many friends, for he was cordial and genial in manner and his sterling traits of character won him high esteem.

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### SYDNEY HARRIS.

Sydney Harris, who owns three hundred and twenty acres of good land in Verona township, is living retired in a beautiful home at No. 620 West Eleventh street, Hastings, Nebraska. He came to this county when it was still but sparsely settled and is entitled to credit as one of the pioneers who aided in its development from a frontier district to the prosperous agricultural section that it is today. A native of England, he was born in Trowbridge on the 22d of February, 1840, of the marriage of James and Eliza (Webb) Harris.

The father engaged in the practice of law at Trowbridge and also held the office of register of births and deaths.

Sydney Harris received his education in his native town and resided there until 1873, when with his family he emigrated to the United States, locating in Juniata, Adams county, Nebraska, in May. Not long after his arrival in this county he took up a homestead in Verona township, on which he resided for a number of years, although he subsequently removed to another farm which he purchased and on which he lived until he retired from active life and came to Hastings. He still owns the southeast quarter of section 10, range 8, township 11, and the southwest quarter of section 11. His land is in a high state of development and yields him a good financial return. When he passed through Hastings in 1873 there was only the railway station, the postoffice and two or three little one story shacks, and as the years have passed he has watched with interest the growth of the little village into a prosperous and up-to-date city. Sixteen years ago Mr. Harris lost the sight of an eye through the bursting of a gun and ten years later his daughter Florence, who is a graduate nurse, removed from the eyebrow a steel sliver similar to a needle point which had penetrated the skull. A number of years after the first accident Mr. Harris was struck by a barn door on the other side of his face and this resulted in his losing the sight of the left eye for nine months. He was totally blind during that period and because of other injuries sustained had to be propped up in bed and fed with a spoon. He has since recovered and has regained the sight of the left eye, although that of the right is irretrievably lost.

Mr. Harris was married in Trowbridge, England, to Alice Maud Williams Frawley, a daughter of John Guy and Mary (Williams) Frawley, the former a contractor and builder. Mrs. Harris was born in Trowbridge on the 31st of December, 1846, and passed away in Hastings, Nebraska, on the 23d of December, 1915. To Mr. and Mrs. Harris were born ten children, as follows: Wilfred Henry Sydney Frawley, whose birth occurred on the 24th of October, 1867, is residing in Hastings. Maud Evelyn Mary, born on the 17th of January, 1869, is the wife of William Garries, a minister stationed at Fall City, Nebraska. Frank Reginald Guy, born on the 3d of April, 1871, is farming the homestead in Verona township. May Alice, whose birth occurred on the 24th of February, 1873, is residing at home and is a practical nurse by occupation. Arthur Dudley, whose birth occurred on the 15th of October, 1875, is an expert accountant of Lincoln, Nebraska. He married Miss Bertha Shoals. Herbert Stanley, born on the 18th of May, 1878, is now principal of schools

at Adams, this state. Florence Emeline, who was born on the 18th of December, 1880, is a graduate nurse and is residing at home. Edith Elsie, who was born on the 5th of March, 1883, is the wife of Raymond Bailey, of Concordia, Kansas. An infant unnamed died in 1885 when six weeks old. Eva Maria, whose birth occurred on the 6th of July, 1887, is keeping house for her brother Frank on the home farm.

Mr. Harris is independent in politics and has never been an office seeker. He is not identified with any fraternal order, preferring to spend his leisure time with his family. Although he does not hold membership in any church, he is a consistent Christian and his faith is attested by the uprightness of his daily life and his consideration for the rights of others. He has a wide acquaintance not only in Hastings but throughout the county, and his personal friends are many.

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### DANIEL N. BITNER.

Daniel N. Bitner, who is successfully engaged in farming in West Blue township, was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, on the 13th of November, 1860, a son of Jacob and Catherine Bitner, who was born in that county and there engaged in farming until his demise in 1880. Our subject was educated in the common schools. On attaining his majority he left home and was employed in a store in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, for one year. He then removed to Stephenson county, Illinois, where he remained for two years, but in 1884 he came to Adams county, Nebraska, and for a few months worked as a farm hand in the southern part of the county. He then rented a farm in Ayr township for six years, after which he went to western Kansas and proved up on two claims of a quarter section each. He remained there for five years and then returned to this county and for six years operated a rented farm in Silver Lake township. For two years he rented land in Zero township, but since 1903 has operated the William Brock farm of three hundred and twenty acres on section 36, West Blue township. The farm is seven miles northeast of Hastings, is not only in an excellent location but is also one of the well improved and productive places of the township. Mr. Bitner is an up-to-date and energetic farmer and as the years have passed his resources have increased so that he is now financially independent.

Mr. Bitner was married on the 24th of December, 1885, to Miss Catherine Snyder, a daughter of Christian Snyder, who passed away in Illinois. His widow removed to Roseland township, this county, in 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Bitner are the parents of six children. Matilda Blanch, who was born in 1886, married William Banta, a merchant of Trumbull. Chris U., born in 1888, is now superintendent of schools at Elm Creek. He married Anita Joynt, a daughter of W. E. Joynt, formerly of Roseland township and later of St. Paul, Nebraska. Jacob R., who was born in 1890, is now attending Hastings College. Nevin, born in 1892, is also a student at Hastings College. William, whose birth occurred in 1895, is at home, and Mary Catherine, born in 1900, is attending the Trumbull schools.

Mr. Bitner is an adherent of the republican party and for the past three terms has been a member of the county board of supervisors. In former years he served on the school board as township clerk and as road overseer, and in all of his official capacities he has proved capable and public-spirited, making an excellent record. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Trumbull and takes a praiseworthy interest in the work of that organization. His life has been one of well directed activity and the prosperity which he now enjoys is well deserved.

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### GEORGE H. PRATT.

George H. Pratt is a retired merchant, banker and capitalist of Hastings whose identification with the development and upbuilding of the city dates from earliest days. In fact, he and his partner, Charles K. Lawson, erected the second store building in Hastings and were the owners of one-eighth of the town site. Their business block was erected before the city was platted and from that period to the present Mr. Pratt has borne an active and helpful part in all that has pertained to the city's development and converted it from a tiny hamlet into a metropolis of twelve thousand population.

He was born in Lewis county, New York, December 7, 1849, and in 1859 accompanied his parents on their removal to Oneida, Knox county, Illinois, where he was educated in the public schools. At the age of thirteen years he began clerking in his father's drug store, in which he spent three or four years, and when he was about seventeen years of age a friend opened a dry goods and clothing store in Mr. Pratt's name and he took charge as manager, continuing active in that

business until, in connection with C. K. Lawson, he purchased the store, for which they agreed to pay six thousand dollars, although their combined capital at that time amounted to but three hundred dollars. They were both ambitious, energetic young men, however, and they recognized the fact that success is won through earnest, persistent effort, close application and honorable dealing. They continued the business at that point until 1872, but early in that year Mr. Lawson came to Nebraska to look for a favorable location and decided upon Hastings. Mr. Pratt then disposed of their store in Illinois and joined Mr. Lawson at this point. They had only one predecessor in a business way and he was conducting his trade in a little pioneer shack. The partners, however, erected a two-story business block, occupying the lower floor with a stock of groceries, hardware, stoves, implements and other commodities needed by the pioneer, while the upper story was used as their home and was shared by their clerk as well. The partners bent their energies to the development of their trade, which grew with the growth of the county, their patronage coming to them from a very broad territory. In fact, it was not long before they were conducting a very extensive business and their large patronage made their enterprise a profitable one. The relation between them was maintained until 1876, when the partnership was dissolved.

Mr. Pratt afterward became connected in business with Mr. Hamot for a few months, at the end of which time he sold out. In 1877, in connection with A. L. Clarke, he purchased the Adams County Bank from J. S. McIntyre. This is now the First National Bank. Mr. Pratt entered that institution as cashier and so continued for a quarter of a century, or until January, 1902, when he sold a part of his stock and retired from active connection with the bank, although he is still one of its directors. He has since devoted his time to the supervision of his land and other investments. He is the owner of large tracts of land in Nebraska, Colorado and Idaho, having placed his money in the safest of all investments—real estate. On the 2d of January, 1879, Mr. Pratt was married to Miss Harriet E. Wikoff, a native of Knox county, Illinois, where she was reared and educated. They have become the parents of four children: Homer and Gertrude, both of whom died when twelve years of age; Katherine, who died when but ten months old; and Howard G., now attending Hastings College.

In his political views Mr. Pratt is a liberal republican and has never sought public office, preferring that his public duties be done as a private citizen. He belongs to Hastings Lodge, No. 50, A. F. & A. M., also to the chapter and commandery, and has been treasurer of the

Masonic Temple Craft for the past twenty-eight years. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, to the teachings of which they loyally adhere, and their influence has been a potent element in the moral progress of the community. No history of Adams county would be complete without extended reference to George H. Pratt, so closely and actively has he been identified with business interests and with the general development and progress of the community. In working for the public good he has looked beyond the exigencies of the moment to the opportunities of the future and in the conduct of his private business interests he has closely adhered to those principles and lines of activity which lead to honorable success. His worth is widely acknowledged, his courage and industry have never failed and his course has demonstrated the truth of the saying that success is not the result of genius but is the outcome of clear judgment and experience.

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#### WALTER EDWARD NOWERS, M. D.

Dr. Walter Edward Nowers, one of the progressive and capable young physicians of Adams county, has practiced in Kenesaw since completing his hospital work and has gained a large and representative patronage. He was born in Howell, Nebraska, on the 20th of June, 1881, a son of George and Mary (Allen) Nowers. The father was born in England in 1843 and died in Howell, Nebraska, in 1883. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Allen, was born in Illinois in 1850 and is now living in Kenesaw.

Walter E. Nowers attended the country schools and subsequently became a student in the Leigh high school, from which he was graduated in 1898. During five winters he taught school in Colfax county and devoted his summers to attending the Wayne and Fremont Normal Schools. He was also employed on the Northwestern Railroad for one year, but in 1904 entered the Creighton Medical College in Omaha, having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work. He was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1908 and afterward served as interne in the Inglewood Hospital for a year and a half. He then came to Kenesaw and began the independent practice of his profession. It was not long before his ability and conscientiousness gained recognition and as the years have passed his practice has grown steadily.

Dr. Nowers was married on the 10th of January, 1910, to Miss

Susie Petit, of Otisville, Michigan, by whom he has a daughter, Grace. He is connected with a number of fraternal organizations, belonging to Kenesaw Lodge, No. 144, A. F. & A. M., in which he is senior deacon; Kenesaw Lodge, No. 231, I. O. O. F., of which he is vice grand; Enterprise Lodge, No. 29, K. P., of which he is chancellor commander; Kenesaw Lodge, No. 188, A. O. U. W., of which he is treasurer; and Leigh Court, Tribe of Ben Hur, of Leigh, Nebraska. His religious beliefs accord with the teachings of the Methodist church, of which he is a member, and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He largely concentrates his energies upon his professional work and has won the confidence of both the general public and his colleagues. He is also popular personally and is considered as one of the leading citizens of Kenesaw.

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### GEORGE W. LOVEL.

George W. Lovel, a well known and highly respected resident of Blaine township, was born in Hendricks county, Indiana, on the 22d of March, 1844. His parents, George and Lydia (Montgomery) Lovel, were both born in Virginia and both died during the childhood of their son George W., the mother passing away in 1852 and the father in 1856. To them were born two children, but William Lovel, the brother of our subject, passed away in 1865.

George W. Lovel received a good education, attending school until he enlisted in September, 1861, at the age of seventeen years, in Company H, Seventh Indiana Infantry, for service in defense of the Union. He was at the front for three years and was under the command of Generals Grant, Burnside, Hooker and Warren. At the battle of Welden Railroad he was captured and for six months was held in prison at Belle island and Salisbury, North Carolina. After the close of the war he returned home and worked at odd jobs in Indiana until 1878, in which year he removed to Kingman county, Kansas. He devoted about thirteen years to farming there, but in 1890 went to the vicinity of Enid, Garfield county, Oklahoma, whence he later removed to Woods county, that state. He cultivated rented land there until 1905, which year witnessed his arrival in Denver township, Adams county. He is now renting the William Dean farm, in Blaine township, two miles south of Hastings, and his well directed labors are rewarded by excellent crops.

In 1865 Mr. Lovel was united in marriage to Miss Nan Miles, a



daughter of James Miles, of Indiana. She passed away in 1877 in Indiana and was laid to rest in that state. She left three children, as follows: James H., who was born on the 19th of October, 1866, in Indiana, came to Adams county, Nebraska, in 1891, and is farming in Blaine township in partnership with his father. In 1893 he was married to Miss Caroline Foster, a daughter of William and Jennie Foster, who were early settlers of Blaine township. Both of her parents are deceased, the father dying in 1888 and the mother in 1913. To Mr. and Mrs. James H. Lovel three children have been born, namely: Vera, whose birth occurred on the 25th of August, 1899; and Ona and Alma, both deceased. Joseph E., who was born November 8, 1868, married Miss Lizzie Patterson, of Kingman county, Kansas, and they are now living in California. Emma was born on the 14th of March, 1874. Mr. Lovel was again married in 1881, Lydia Leech, a resident of Indiana, becoming his wife. She passed away in Garfield county, Oklahoma, and is buried in Enid. Since the demise of his wife Mr. Lovel has made his home with his son, James H.

Mr. Lovel is a stalwart republican, as he believes firmly in the principles of that party and works loyally for its success at the polls. His religious allegiance is given to the Methodist Episcopal church. The gratifying measure of success which he has gained is due not to any particular good fortune, but to his continued industry and his good management and he is conceded to be one of the highly efficient farmers of his township.

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### LELAND RAY PEARSON.

Leland Ray Pearson, who is engaged in cultivating a good farm of two hundred acres on section 29, Highland township, is a native son of the county and a representative of one of its well known families. He was born upon the farm on which he still lives on the 30th of October, 1885, of the marriage of Fletcher Herbert and Annie (Iveson) Pearson. The father was born in Lenawee county, Michigan, and his parents were David and Jane (Pickering) Pearson, who emigrated to this country from England in 1837. To their union were born nine children, of whom seven are still living. Fletcher Herbert Pearson grew to manhood upon the home farm in Michigan and there learned practical methods of agriculture. In 1879 he removed to Adams county, Nebraska, where he had previously purchased a



quarter section of railroad land on section 29, Highland township, and for thirty years he maintained his residence upon that place, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. He still owns the farm, but for six years has lived retired at No. 227 East Seventh street, Hastings. He was married on the 30th of September, 1879, just before his removal to Adams county, to Miss Annie Iveson, of Lenawee county, Michigan, a daughter of Thomas and Rudy (Kinney) Iveson, farming people. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pearson. Laura, whose birth occurred on the 15th of July, 1880, is the wife of H. R. Burnham, a farmer in West Blue township, this county, and they have six children, Anna, Nelson, Florence, Raymond, Harold and Margery. Milo Eber, who was born December 29, 1883, is a Congregational minister living in Hyannis, Massachusetts. He was married in New Haven, Connecticut, to Miss Nellie Crane. Leland Ray, of this review, is the youngest of the family. Fletcher H. Pearson gives his religious allegiance to the Methodist Episcopal church, fraternally is connected with the Mystic Legion Lodge at Juniata, and is a republican in politics. He takes a commendable interest in public affairs, but has never sought office, although he has served acceptably as a member of the school board.

Leland R. Pearson devoted the greater part of his time during his boyhood and youth to the acquirement of an education and to helping his father with the work of the homestead. He has continued to reside on the farm and since his father retired to Hastings has had entire charge of the operation of the one hundred and sixty acres in the home place and of forty acres additional, which he himself purchased about 1906. The two hundred acres which he farms yields him an excellent return and he ranks among the progressive young agriculturists of the county. He grows wheat, corn, oats and hay for the market and also raises stock for his own use. His work is well planned and his industry and energy are enabling him to gain success.

On the 22d of December, 1909, Mr. Pearson was united in marriage to Miss Dora Nida, a daughter of George and Isabella Nida, of Highland township. The family came to this county from Virginia in 1893 and the father is a representative farmer of his locality. There are three children in the family, those besides Mrs. Pearson being: Mrs. A. R. Robinson, of Hall county, Nebraska; and Rilda, now Mrs. L. E. Perkins, of Juniata township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson have two daughters: Mildred Marguerite, born on the 6th of May, 1911; and Virginia Irene, born January 8, 1913.

Mr. Pearson casts his ballot in support of the men and measures

of the republican party, but has never sought official preferment. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Hastings. They are well known throughout the county and their many excellent qualities of character have gained them the respect of all who have been brought into contact with them. Mr. Pearson is progressive in his work and takes justifiable pride in his farm, which is in a high state of cultivation and is well improved with buildings, all of which he has erected, including the neat and comfortable residence. He owns an automobile and finds it of value to him in his farm work as well as a source of much pleasure.

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### HON. CLARENCE J. MILES.

The consensus of public opinion establishes the Hon. Clarence J. Miles as one of the prominent business men of Hastings, Nebraska, where he is actively engaged in the grain trade. Moreover, it is uniformly said that no man in Hastings has more friends than he. A native of Illinois, Mr. Miles was born in Jerseyville, Jersey county, on the 25th of May, 1866, and is a son of George S. and Martha (DeWolf) Miles. The father, a native of Westminster, Massachusetts, was there reared and educated, pursuing an academic course. He took up the profession of dentistry and for a time engaged in active practice in Alton, Illinois, while later he removed to Jerseyville, and in the year 1889 became a resident of Beatrice, Nebraska, where he continued to follow his profession until his death, which occurred in 1893 when he was sixty-two years of age. In politics he was an active republican and was for many years chairman of the county central committee in Illinois. Fraternally he was connected with the Masons and with the Odd Fellows. All through his life he manifested those sterling traits which won for him leadership and which gained for him the high and enduring regard of those with whom he was associated. His wife was born in Alton, Illinois, and was reared and educated in Jerseyville, also studying for a time in Chicago. She survived her husband and died in 1909 at the age of seventy-one years, passing away in the faith of the Presbyterian church, of which she was a consistent member.

Clarence J. Miles, the third in order of birth of six children, spent his boyhood days in his native city, where he attended the public and high schools. When nineteen years of age he became assistant cashier of the Farmers Bank in Solomon City, Kansas, having previously

had experience in banking in the capacity of bookkeeper in a bank at Jerseyville. After leaving Kansas he went to Pasadena, California, accepting a position in the First National Bank of that city, but after a short time he resigned and returned to Kansas, where he became cashier of the Citizens Bank in the town of Liberal. At the end of the year he was transferred by the owners of that bank to Chicago to take charge of their office in that city. They were extensively engaged in construction work there and Mr. Miles remained with them for about a year. He was afterward with Kilpatrick Brothers & Collins, large railway contractors at Beatrice, Nebraska, for ten years, and in 1899 established business in Hastings as a grain and coal dealer. At one time he owned five elevators in the state and he has conducted an extensive grain business, his enterprise proving an important one in the various communities where he has operated, as it has furnished a market to grain raisers. He was also for several years president of the McCanaughey Grain Company, operating ten elevators in Nebraska, and at the same time he was operating his own chain of five elevators. At the present time he is the owner of three elevators, one at Giltner, another at Bruning and a third at Eustis, Nebraska. He is also owner of the electric light plant at the last named place, is president of the Grand Island Gas Company at Grand Island, Nebraska, and is a director of the First National Bank of Hastings. He is likewise a heavy stockholder in the Beatrice Creamery and in numerous commercial and industrial enterprises of Hastings. He is thus connected with various corporations and along legitimate lines of business has won substantial success, steadily working his way upward. He possesses tireless energy, keen perception and a genius for devising the right thing at the right time, joined to everyday common sense. His plans have been well formulated and carefully executed and his perseverance and determination have carried him steadily forward.

In 1884 Mr. Miles was married to Miss Flori D. Cory, who was born in Jerseyville, Illinois, where they were reared and educated. They were schoolmates in youth and the friendship of childhood ripened into love which found its consummation in marriage. Theirs was a beautiful home life, which was terminated, however, by death on the 18th of October, 1915, when Mrs. Miles passed to the home beyond. Her many splendid traits of character, her kindness of spirit, her sympathy and her goodwill to all won her the high esteem and love of those with whom she came in contact and her death was the occasion of deep regret wherever she was known.

Mr. Miles is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Hastings

Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; to Mount Herman Commandery, and to Sesostris Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Lincoln. He also has membership with the United Workmen and the Elks at Hastings and with the United Commercial Travelers, in which organization he has filled all the local, state and national offices. In 1905 he was elected supreme councillor of the Commercial Travelers of the United States at the convention in Columbus and so served until 1906. He is a recognized leader in the ranks of the republican party, his opinions carrying weight in its councils. In 1906 he ran second for the nomination for governor in the state convention and many of his friends are urging him to again become a candidate for the position. Five times he has been elected mayor of Hastings, twice without opposition, serving in all for eleven years. Nearly all of the asphalt paving in the city was put down between the years 1902 and 1913 during his administration. His direction of municipal affairs was businesslike and progressive. He opposed the useless retrenchment that hampers progress and was equally strong in his opposition to unwise expenditure, and his efforts constituted a potent force toward the upbuilding of the city and the establishment of those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. He is a man of fine personal appearance and the physical is but the indication of the spirit within. He is entirely free from ostentation, nor is there about him the least shadow of mock modesty. He is a man who correctly judges life's contacts and experiences and in every relation works along the lines of progress and improvement for the individual and for the community.

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#### AREND R. JUNKER.

Arend R. Junker, who owns and operates an excellent farm on section 17, Highland township, ranks among the most efficient and progressive farmers of his township and has gained a gratifying measure of financial success. He was born in Hanover, Germany, on the 18th of November, 1841, a son of Roelf and Hilke (von Marck) Junker, who about 1866 came to the United States and settled in Adams county, Illinois. Subsequently they lived in Petersburg, Menard county, that state, and in Livingston county, and at length removed to Adams county, Nebraska, where the father passed away about 1892. The mother had previously died in Illinois. Our subject has two brothers living: Harm, a resident of Illinois; and

Roelf, who is living in Dawson county, Nebraska; and has also a sister, Lina, who is now Mrs. Cornelius Johnston and resides in Menard county, Illinois.

Arend R. Junker came to the United States in 1866, preceding his parents in his emigration to this country, and settled in Adams county, Illinois, where he worked out by the month for about fourteen years. He subsequently farmed in that state on his own account, but in 1894 he came to Nebraska and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of his present farm from Jake Evens. He has since added to his holdings until his farm comprises four hundred and eighty acres, and the excellent condition in which things are kept testifies to his thrift and good management. He grows wheat, corn and some oats and also raises stock for his own use, and his well directed labors yield him a handsome income. He has enlarged the residence, which is now modern in its appointments, and has added needed buildings to the farm equipment so that the improvements upon his place compare favorably with those on other farms in the locality. He is up-to-date and progressive in his work and is contributing to the agricultural advancement of his township.

In 1874, in Petersburg, Illinois, Mr. Junker was united in marriage to Miss Albertina Dallmann, a daughter of Chris and Maria (Tesloch) Dallmann. Mrs. Junker was born in Germany, but was brought to this country by her parents when but two and a half years old. After living in Wisconsin for a time the family removed to Illinois, and there both of her parents passed away. She has three brothers living: Herman, who resides in Franklin county, Nebraska; and Fred and Ernest, both residents of Petersburg, Illinois. There are also two sisters: Matilda, the wife of Will Carroll, of Petersburg; and Amelia, who married Harm Weremeson.

Mr. and Mrs. Junker have had eight children. Christopher Friedrich, who was born on the 5th of November, 1874, died when almost four years of age, on the 2d of November, 1878; Rudolph Arend, who was born January 29, 1877, owns an eighty acre farm in Highland township, to the cultivation of which he devotes his time. He married Miss Lulu Morgan, by whom he has a daughter, Irene, who was born February 18, 1909. Hilke Maria Friederike, who was born on the 16th of May, 1879, married Albert Morgan, a farmer of Logan township, this county, by whom she has four children, Lily, John, Tena and Albert. Herman, born December 22, 1881, is living at home, as is his twin brother, Christian Friedrich. Each owns an eighty acre farm in Highland township and both are progressive and successful young farmers. Tena, who was born on the 14th of Feb-

ruary, 1884, died at birth. Albertina Matilda, who was born on the 7th of June, 1886, married John Warrings and resides in Clara City, Minnesota. Carl Wilhelm, who was born on the 9th of January, 1889, John, born on the 14th of July, 1891, and Albert, born April 3, 1894, are all at home.

Mr. Junker and his family attend the German Lutheran church in Verona township and give their support to its work. He casts his ballot in support of the republican party, but has never been an office seeker. Neither does he belong to any lodges or societies, preferring to spend his leisure time at home. Sound judgment and well directed industry have enabled him to gain more than a competence, and his sterling integrity and genuine worth of character have won him the respect of those who have been brought in contact with him.

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### ARTHUR J. MILLS.

Arthur J. Mills is successfully engaged in the operation of a splendid farm of seven hundred and twenty acres in Denver township, and in addition to raising an immense amount of grain gives much attention to breeding registered Percheron horses. He was born in Grinnell, Poweshiek county, Iowa, in 1869, a son of George H. and Hope (English) Mills. The father was born in Michigan, of Scotch and German ancestry, and now makes his home with his son, Arthur J. The mother has passed away. Two brothers and a sister of our subject reside in Adams county, namely: Leonard P., who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; B. B.; and Mrs. W. H. Harris, whose husband is an engineer at the State Hospital, near Hastings.

Arthur J. Mills was reared under the parental roof and received his education in the common schools. For a considerable period he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm in Hamilton county, Nebraska, but about two decades ago came to Adams county and rented the farm which he is now operating. The place comprises seven hundred and twenty acres of as fine land as there is in Denver township and is a part of the Kerr estate. Mr. Mills has erected all of the buildings upon the place except the residence and keeps everything in the best possible condition. He facilitates the work of cultivating the fields by using up-to-date machinery and methods and seldom fails to harvest large crops. He has grown as much as twenty thousand bushels of grain in a year and has paid for shucking ten thousand bushels of corn in a year. During 1915 he only raised

seven thousand bushels of wheat on account of the rainy season, but the hay crop totalled one hundred and sixty tons. He also is engaged quite extensively in stock raising and makes a specialty of Percheron horses. He has thirty-six head, and at the head of the stud is Collector 60152, a fine imported stallion. He also has a few grade Holstein cattle and is beginning to raise Hampshire hogs. He rents the farm on which he resides, but owns one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 15, Denver township, which he purchased from the Meyers estate, and likewise holds title to land outside the county and to city lots. He has succeeded in all that he has undertaken and his activities have been a factor in the promotion of the agricultural and stock raising interests of his county.

In 1894 Mr. Mills was united in marriage, in Doniphan, Hall county, Nebraska, to Miss Clara Orcutt, a daughter of Lorenzo S. and Hannah E. (Barton) Orcutt. Two children have been born to this union, namely: Winona Hope, who was born April 20, 1908; and Gerald Harmon, who died when three days old.

Mr. Mills supports the prohibition party at the polls, but has been too deeply engrossed in the management of his personal affairs to take a very active part in politics. However, he is not remiss in any of the duties of citizenship and can be counted upon to support movements seeking the advancement of his community along any worthy line of endeavor. Fraternally he is connected with the Royal Highlanders lodge at Aurora, Nebraska. Both he and his wife belong to the Christian church and they have done much to further its work. At the time of the erection of the new house of worship four years ago they contributed twelve hundred and fifty dollars to the building fund and they have always been very generous in their support of the church.

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### REV. FATHER BERNARD.

Rev. Father Bernard, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church in Highland township, Adams county, Nebraska, holds in full measure the esteem of his parishioners and is highly respected by all who know him. His birth occurred in Nebraska City in 1864, and he is a son of Peter Ulbrick and Mary Kalus, both natives of Austria.

Rev. Father Bernard received his education at the Benedictine College at Atchison, Kansas, and there took the commercial, classical and theological courses; and when twenty-four years of age, was or-



dained to the priesthood. For some time he taught in that institution, and subsequently spent two or three years in charge of small missions in that locality. Later, as a priest in the Lincoln diocese, he held many different charges during a period of some twenty years, the last being that of St. Patrick's church, in Highland township, Adams county, and during the five years that he has held this pastorate his influence has been felt as a factor for good in the life of his community. St. Patrick's church was organized about twenty-five years ago, and now numbers about thirty-four families, or one hundred and fifty-one souls. Before the establishment of the church, the parishioners drove to Hastings, a distance of twelve miles, to attend service. The affairs of St. Patrick's are in a satisfactory condition and it is doing well its work as a spiritual and moral agency. Father Bernard is a cultured gentleman of kind and genial disposition and these qualities, together with his devotion to his work, have gained him a high place in the warm regard and the sincere goodwill of all who have come into contact with him irrespective of their religious beliefs.

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### BERNHARD SCHMIDT.

One of the excellent citizens and efficient farmers of Highland township is Bernhard Schmidt, who owns one hundred and sixty acres of productive land on section 32. He was born in Prussia, Germany, on the 20th of August, 1855, of the marriage of Johan and Eva (Thimgan) Schmidt, who passed their entire lives in their native land, where the father engaged in farming. To them were born seven children, of whom five came to America: Adelia, who is now Mrs. C. Miller and lives in Cass county, Nebraska; Herman, also a resident of Cass county; Augusta, who lives in Pierce, Nebraska; and Theresa, who resides in Colorado.

Bernhard Schmidt received his education in Germany and remained in that country until he was twenty-one years of age, when he accompanied his brothers and sisters to this country. After living in Cass county, Nebraska, for two years he went to Seward county, whence he came to Adams county in the spring of 1885. For about four years he was engaged in carpenter work in Hastings but in the meantime, in 1886, he purchased his present farm in Highland township, to which he removed in 1888. He has since lived there and the excellent condition of the place testifies to his enterprise and good management. He grows grain, wheat, oats and alfalfa and also





BERNHARD SCHMIDT AND FAMILY



raises horses and a few hogs. His progressive spirit is indicated by the fact that he introduced the culture of alfalfa to this county, shipping four hundred pounds of seed here from Colorado and sowing one hundred pounds himself, while the remaining three hundred was distributed equally among three other men. These four experimental fields proved successful and at the present time alfalfa is generally grown throughout the county. He has always sought to keep in touch with the developments in scientific agriculture and has at all times been ready to profit by the discoveries of investigators although he has not been unduly hasty in discarding time-tried methods. This combination of progressiveness with conservatism leads to success in agriculture as in other fields and he has gained financial independence.

At Seward, Nebraska, in 1883, Mr. Schmidt was married to Miss Emma Thimgnen, a daughter of Michael and Adelia (Ciro) Thimgnen. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Schmidt was a school teacher in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt have become the parents of ten children. Antonia, who was born in Seward county, Nebraska, in 1885, is now the wife of John Thompson, and lives in Hastings. Otto, born in Hastings in 1886, married Miss Mary Kennedy and is now living in Highland township. Ernest, born in Hastings in 1887, is farming in the employ of others in this county. Harry, born upon the home farm in 1890, married Miss Annie Wisdom. Lena, whose birth occurred on the 26th of January, 1892, died at the age of two years and three months. Albert, born in 1894, Martha, in 1897, Josephine, in 1898, Etta, in 1901, and Fred, in 1904, are all at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt belong to the German Evangelical church and guide their lives by its teachings. He votes the republican ticket but has never had time to take a very active part in politics, his farming interests demanding his undivided attention. His ability, integrity and genial spirit have made him popular among those who have been associated with him and he is highly respected wherever known.

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### W. H. DE SANNO.

W. H. De Sanno, as a member of the firm of W. H. De Sanno & Son, is conducting an important business enterprise under the name of the Juniata Milling Company, Incorporated. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, April 23, 1845, and is a son of

John F. and Charlotte (Gamble) De Sanno, the latter of English descent, while the former came of Pennsylvania German ancestry. He was born and married in the Keystone state and there the mother passed away when their son, W. H. De Sanno, was but six years of age. The father afterward removed to the middle west in 1853, settling in Peoria, Illinois, where he remained until 1864. In that year he became a resident of Livingston county, Illinois, where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring in 1869. He was a tailor by trade and thus provided for the support of his family, which numbered five children: Elizabeth, now living in Macomb, Illinois; Elnora, whose home is in Pennsylvania; Mary, a resident of Gordon, Nebraska; W. H., of this review; and Amelia, deceased.

W. H. De Sanno pursued his education in the common schools of Pennsylvania and of Illinois, and in his youthful days began farm work, being thus employed until about twenty-two years of age. He then turned his attention to the milling business in Peoria, Illinois, serving a full term of apprenticeship. He was connected with the trade in that city for five years, after which he went to Fairbury, Illinois, as second miller. He spent about three years there, on the expiration of which period he went to Chenoa, Illinois, where he remained for a year. He next located at Davenport, Iowa, where he engaged in the milling business for two and one-half years, after which he spent a year in Cleveland, Illinois, and later went to Tazewell county, engaging in the milling business at Lilly. There he remained for eleven years and during four years of that time served as postmaster of the town.

In 1891 Mr. De Sanno arrived at Beemer, Nebraska, where he continued in the milling business for five years. He afterward went to Tekamah, Nebraska, where he resided for three years, and on the expiration of that period removed to Silver Creek and leased a half interest in a mill, spending eight months at that place. He was subsequently at Beemer, Nebraska, for fifteen months, after which he came to Juniata and purchased the mill here. He remodeled the mill and installed new machinery and had everything in excellent shape when in 1907 the plant was entirely destroyed by fire in the month of August. Immediately he began the work of rebuilding and by March of the following year his mill was again in operation. The business is conducted by the firm of W. H. De Sanno & Son, under the name of the Juniata Milling Company, Incorporated. They maintain a high standard of excellence in the manufacture of their product, for which they find a ready sale on the market, and the business is today recognized as one of the leading productive industries of the county.

In 1873 Mr. De Sanno was married to Miss Mary Rice and to them were born five children, namely: Nora, who is the wife of August Linneman, of Forest Green, Missouri; Harry C., who is associated with his father in the milling business; and Hattie, Walter and Clifford, all of whom are deceased. The wife and mother passed away in 1886, and in 1891 Mr. De Sanno was again married, his second union being with Ella Koonce, by whom he has two children: Mabel, who is attending school in Hastings; and Bernice, a school student at Juniata.

In his political views Mr. De Sanno is a democrat and has served as a member of the town board. He belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge of Juniata, in which he has passed all the chairs, and he gives his active support to various projects for the upbuilding of the community and the promotion of the public welfare. His has been an active and well spent life and the industry and integrity which have characterized his business career have been the crowning features of his success.

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### FREDERICK A. BOYD.

Frederick A. Boyd, who is successfully engaged in farming in Roseland township, is a native son of that township and his birth occurred on the 13th of March, 1877. His father, Robert A. Boyd, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, of Irish ancestry and the mother, who bore the maiden name of Ellen Addis, was a native of New Jersey. Robert A. Boyd accompanied his parents to Stark county, Illinois, and remained there until about 1872, when he came westward to Nebraska and took up a homestead and a tree claim on section 10, Roseland township, Adams county. He at once began to cultivate his land and as the years passed brought it to a high state of development. He was very successful as a farmer and acquired title to almost a whole section of land. He was prominent in his community and served as county supervisor, proving very efficient in that office. He belonged to the Workmen and to the Grand Army of the Republic, having served in the Civil war as a member of the Sixty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He passed away in 1899, but his wife is still living and has the distinction of being the only woman in the township who is residing upon the original family homestead. To them were born five children, namely: Frances V.; Frederick A.; John and Clara, both deceased; and Warren E., who is farming the home place.

Frederick A. Boyd entered the public schools at the usual time and after completing the work of the grades became a student in the Roseland high school and still later spent two years in Hastings College at Hastings. He continued to reside at home until he was twenty-four or twenty-five years of age, when he removed to his present place which comprises one hundred and sixty acres of fine land on section 23, Roseland township. He is well known as a breeder of Hereford cattle. He manages his business affairs well and is at once practical and progressive in his work as an agriculturist. His place is kept in excellent condition and he ranks among the able and efficient farmers and stock raisers of the county.

Mr. Boyd was married in 1901 to Miss Clara Joynt, by whom he has five children, Margaret, Alice, Geraldine, Jeannette and Sadie. He casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has served as central committeeman, doing much to promote the success of that party in this county. Both he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is now superintendent of the Sunday school. His daily life bears witness to the sincerity of his belief and no movement for the moral advancement of his community lacks his support. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Juniata.

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### LEWIS CURRIER.

Lewis Currier is living retired in Kenesaw and is enjoying a period of leisure made possible by his former well directed labors as an agriculturist. He is also a veteran of the Civil war and just as in the days when the Union was threatened he willingly fought in its defense, so he is now giving largely of his time and energy in carrying on a campaign against the use of tobacco and intoxicating drinks. He was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, on the 7th of January, 1838, a son of John and Anna (Robinson) Currier, the former born in New Hampshire in 1810 and the latter in Pennsylvania in 1811. In 1850 the family removed from Pennsylvania to Livingston county, Illinois, and there the father passed away in 1862.

Lewis Currier received a fair education in the country schools of Pennsylvania and Illinois and after putting aside his textbooks devoted his attention to farm work until he enlisted in the Union army, joining Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Illinois Volun-

teer Infantry, on the 15th of August, 1862. He took part in the battle of Peach Tree Creek, Georgia, fought in a number of skirmishes, was a member of the expedition which went in pursuit of General Morgan, the famous cavalry leader, and was also on guard and garrison duty for some time. Later he was in the Blue Star division of Sherman's army, went on the memorable march to the sea and took part in the siege of Atlanta which led to the fall of that city. He was discharged in 1865, after the close of hostilities, and marched in the Grand Review. He then returned to Illinois and for fourteen years engaged in farming there. In 1882 he came to Verona township, Adams county, and homesteaded one hundred and forty-one acres of land, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted the following thirteen years. At the end of that time, feeling that he had saved sufficient capital to provide for his wants throughout the remainder of his life, he retired and took up his residence in Kenesaw, where he is still living.

Mr. Currier was married January 22, 1867, to Miss Lydia L. Pratt, who was born in Michigan, March 9, 1842, and died in Kenesaw on the 27th of October, 1906. To them were born four children, of whom two are living: Frank E., a farmer of Adams county; and Ned C., who is residing in Kenesaw.

Mr. Currier has supported the republican party since its organization and believes firmly in its principles. He is a member of the Church of God and takes an active interest in the work of that organization. For twenty years he has done all in his power to create sentiment against the tobacco and liquor habits and although he is now seventy-eight years of age he still travels in the interests of that work. He recognizes the value of literature in such a campaign and has had published a small collection of poems dealing with the evils of the use of tobacco and liquor and uses this booklet in carrying on his agitation against these habits. The motive power in all of his efforts to better humanity is his sincere Christian faith, which finds expression in the following poem from his pen. The theme of the poem is based on Hebrews 3:1-3 and 10:28-29:

#### THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

The law was once  
By Moses given,  
But the sayings of Jesus  
Guide us to Heaven.

Jesus is the life,  
 The truth, the way;  
 But none need be lost  
 If they learn to obey.

In trying to find  
 What David said;  
 We leave behind  
 What Jesus did.

By looking backward,  
 On sayings of old,  
 We miss the streets  
 Paved with gold.

Oh, then let us  
 While time on earth is given,  
 Accept the gospel of Christ  
 And secure a home in Heaven.

### HENRY AUGUSTIN, SR.

Henry Augustin, Sr., is one of the representative agriculturists of Verona township and his farm on section 21 is in a high state of development. He was born in Hanover, Germany, on the 14th of September, 1849, a son of Claus and Engel (Tobaben) Augustin, who were natives of that country and were there reared and married. The mother passed away in Germany and the father came to the United States in 1870 and located near Red Wing, Minnesota, where he resided until his demise. He followed the occupation of farming and met with gratifying success therein. To him and his wife were born three children: Hans, who died in Minnesota in 1914; Henry; and Mary, the wife of Ernst Rehder, of Red Wing.

Henry Augustin, Sr., received a good education in Germany and prepared for the school teacher's profession, attending a normal school. After teaching for two years he came to the United States with his father in 1870 and secured a position in a parochial school near Red Wing. He taught there for ten years but in the winter of 1880-1881 came to Nebraska and located on section 21, Verona township, Adams county. He has lived there ever since and has made



excellent improvements upon the place, which now comprises two hundred and forty acres. He also owns another farm of one hundred and sixty acres and a half section near Kenesaw. He engages in general farming, finding that the raising of both grain and stock is more profitable than specializing in either. He assisted in organizing the company which conducts elevators at Prosser and Kenesaw and is now serving as one of its directors.

In 1871 Mr. Augustin was united in marriage to Miss Mari Ruhter, who passed away in December, 1915. They were the parents of thirteen children, namely: Rudolph, a resident of Doniphan, Nebraska; Henry Jr., who lives near Kenesaw; Peter, also residing near Kenesaw; Meta, the wife of John Sauerman, who lives three miles south of Kenesaw; Jacob, who resides near Hayland, Nebraska; George, who lives in the vicinity of Kenesaw; Walter, of Doniphan; Adolph and Fred, both of whom are farming in this county; Emma, at home; Anna, the wife of John Uden, who lives near Prosser; and Lena and Herbert, both at home.

Mr. Augustin votes the democratic ticket at the polls and takes the interest of a good citizen in everything relating to the public welfare although not an aspirant for official preferment. He was reared in the faith of the German Lutheran church, in which he still holds membership, and his wife was also identified with that organization. When he began his business career he was without capital but he possessed good judgment and energy, and as the years have passed his resources have increased until he is now numbered among the substantial men of Adams county.

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#### REV. WILLIAM McDONALD.

Rev. William McDonald, pastor of St. Cecilia's Catholic church at Hastings, was born in Ireland, May 19, 1860, a son of Lawrence and Elizabeth (Lewis) McDonald. The father was a farmer by occupation and both he and his wife are now deceased. After pursuing his preliminary education in the national schools of Ireland, William McDonald pursued a classical course in the University School at Waterford, Ireland, and studied philosophy and theology in St. John's College at Waterford, having determined to prepare for the priesthood. He was then ordained in the cathedral at Waterford, June 21, 1884, by the coadjutor bishop of Dublin. He was then assigned to the Omaha diocese, which included Nebraska and

Wyoming, although since that time a division has occurred in the diocese. He was given charge of his first mission as assistant pastor at Falls City, where he remained for a year, when he was appointed to take charge of the Catholic church at Dawson, Richardson county, where he remained for nine years. In 1894 he was appointed to Hastings as pastor of St. Cecilia's Catholic church and his labors have here since continued, covering a period of twenty-two years. The congregation numbers two hundred families. During his connection with this parish the present fine house of worship has been erected at a cost of seventy-five thousand dollars. There is a parochial school maintained under the charge of the Sisters of St. Dominic in connection with the academy. The organized bodies of the church include an Altar Society, the League of the Sacred Heart and the Children of Mary. The Immaculate Conception Academy was built in 1880 by the Sisters of the Visitation, but there was a period of drought in Nebraska and the academy found itself in financial difficulties. The building reverted to the mortgagee. After this building had stood idle for twelve years Father McDonald succeeded in raising the money to buy it back, securing a gift of five thousand dollars from the Commercial Club of Hastings. Six years ago the Dominican Sisters came and took charge of the academy and the work of the school has since been in a flourishing condition.

The labors of Father McDonald found fruition in the erection of the splendid house of worship which is now the property of the Catholics of Hastings and is known as St. Cecilia's church. It was dedicated on the 22d of December, 1912, on which occasion the building, one of the finest church edifices in Nebraska, held at the dedicatory services about one thousand people. This congregation had its beginning as far back as 1871, when the Rev. Father Leichleitner of Crete visited the new settlement. He continued to hold occasional services until March 25, 1878, when the Rev. George Glauber was appointed priest in charge. Under his leadership the first church building of St. Cecilia's parish was erected on Second street. A little later the congregation purchased a half block of ground and the old building was afterward removed to that site and enlarged until it had a seating capacity of five hundred. In September, 1881, Father Glauber was succeeded by Father Simeon, who remained until July, 1888, when the Rev. J. E. English was appointed pastor of St. Cecilia's church. During his pastorate the church acquired a half block of land facing on Seventh street between Kansas and Colorado avenues. When Father English was transferred to an Omaha parish in September, 1894, he was succeeded by Father McDonald, who

is much loved by his people. He put forth every effort to upbuild the church in all of its departments of work and about ten years ago entered upon the activities which resulted in the erection of St. Cecilia's fine house of worship. The church was built of a brick such as is used in the erection of old European cathedrals. The decorations of the church are most handsome and fitting and in the construction the modern method of reinforced concrete and steel beam construction was used, there being no pillars to obstruct the view in the interior of the church. Father McDonald is continuing his labors, being unfaltering in his efforts to promote the cause to which he has dedicated his life, and his purposes and activities are being crowned with splendid results.

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### PHILIP W. YAGER.

Philip W. Yager is actively identified with business interests in Hastings as proprietor of Yager's bakery, which is today one of the leading productive industries of the city, conducting an extensive business and accorded a liberal patronage. He was born in Germany, August 26, 1870, and is a son of Adam and Elizabeth Yager, the latter now living. The father has passed away and was a forester in the government service.

Philip W. Yager was educated in the schools of Germany and after coming to the United States attended business college in Hastings. He sought employment here in connection with the bakery business and for seventeen years was employed in the establishment of which he is now the proprietor. Gradually in that connection he mastered every phase of the business and worked his way upward until in 1902 he purchased the plant and has since carried on the business under his own name. His trade has constantly grown and developed and has now assumed extensive and gratifying proportions. He keeps a wagon for the delivery of his goods and employs nine people. The most cleanly and sanitary conditions are maintained in the bakery and he never deviates from the highest standards in the excellence of the product.

On the 11th of January, 1891, Mr. Yager was united in marriage to Miss Christina E. Wagner, a daughter of John Wagner, of Adams county, Ohio, and to them have been born three children, Clarence P., Lloyd A. and Effie M. The family hold membership in the Baptist church and Mr. Yager belongs also to the Masonic fraternity, in which

he has attained the Knights Templar degree of the York Rite and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias and with the Odd Fellows. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but never seeks nor desires office. He is a progressive and public-spirited man, interested in Hastings and in the upbuilding of the state as well. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in a business way, for his advancement is due to close application, indefatigable energy and perseverance. His course has won for him not only deserved success but also the high respect of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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### GEORGE BLANKENBILLER.

For a third of a century George Blankenbiller has been a resident of Adams county. At the time of his arrival he settled upon a tract of raw prairie land on section 3, Silver Lake township, and began the development of a farm. In the careful management of his business he won success and is now the owner of a half section of rich and valuable land from which he derives a gratifying annual income. He leaves the active operation of the place to others, however, at the present time, while he is living retired in Juniata, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. Pennsylvania claims him as a native son. He was born near Reading, in Berks county, May 9, 1838, a son of George and Elizabeth (Siward) Blankenbiller, who were likewise natives of that state, where they always remained. The father, who was of German lineage, devoted his life to carpentering and thus provided for the support of his family, consisting of wife and three children, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of George Blankenbiller.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, George Blankenbiller attended the common schools and at the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting on the 15th of August, 1862, for three years' service in the One Hundred and Sixteenth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was assigned to Company C but during the war was transferred at Harper's Ferry to Battery A of the Fourth Artillery. He participated in the battle of Fredericksburg and afterward went into camp for the winter on the north side of the Rappahannock river,

where the troops remained until May, 1863. They then started down the river to Chancellorsville and participated in the engagement of that place. They were afterward at Gettysburg and Mr. Blankenbiller took part in the three days' engagement there. Later he participated in the battle of the Wilderness, but becoming ill, was sent on sick leave to Washington and was there honorably discharged on account of disability. He sustained two slight wounds in the battle of Gettysburg. Ever faithful to duty, he made an excellent record by his loyalty and bravery.

After his return home Mr. Blankenbiller worked as he could until he had recovered his health. He then went to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he resided until 1868, when he removed to Ashland county, Ohio, where he made his home for six years. On the expiration of that period he came to this state and took up his abode on section 3, Silver Lake township, Adams county. His place was a tract of raw prairie on which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made, but with characteristic energy he began to break the sod and develop the place, building a small house and setting out a good orchard. He continued the work of development and improvement year after year and is today the owner of a valuable property comprising a half section of land which returns to him a gratifying annual income. He was also at one time the owner of seventy acres on section 9 of the same township but sold this to one of his sons. In 1905 he removed to Juniata, where he has two acres surrounding an attractive, commodious and comfortable residence. His lawn is tastefully adorned with shrubs and trees and the home provides him with all of the comforts of life.

Mr. Blankenbiller has been married twice. On the 12th of October, 1869, he wedded Miss Harriett Palmer, who passed away in October, 1883. To them were born the following children: John, who resides on the home place; David, a high school professor in St. Paul, Minnesota; George and Henry, both of whom are deceased; Daniel, a druggist of Rushville, Nebraska; Samuel, living in Hastings, Nebraska; Milton, who makes his home near Roseland, this state; and Mary, the wife of Floyd Woods, living near Juniata. In December, 1885, Mr. Blankenbiller was again married, his second union being with Miss Anna Brubaker, a native of Snyder county, Pennsylvania, by whom he had two children, namely: Anna, who became the wife of C. C. Laap and died in 1914; and Harriet, a trained nurse in the Frances E. Willard Hospital of Chicago.

Mr. Blankenbiller and his wife are very active and devout members of the Brethren church and assisted in building the house of wor-

ship near Roseland. He is serving as one of the deacons of the church and both take an active and helpful interest in its work. In politics he has been a lifelong republican, joining the party when age conferred upon him the right of franchise and giving to it stalwart allegiance through all the intervening years. Mr. Blankenbiller is a self-made man, for from early youth he has depended upon his own resources, basing his success upon industry, honesty, perseverance and determination. As the years have gone on he has prospered through the utilization of those qualities and the most envious cannot grudge him his success, so honorably has it been won and so worthily used.

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### ISAIAH D. EVANS.

Isaiah D. Evans, of Kenesaw, who was formerly connected with journalism and banking, has since 1896 given his attention to agricultural interests and has proved very successful as a farmer. He has given a great deal of time and thought to public affairs and has been called to a number of offices, which he has filled with distinction. He was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1844, of the marriage of Evan and Margaret (Williams) Evans, who emigrated from Wales to America in 1843. They resided in Pennsylvania until their son, Isaiah D., was four years of age, when removal was made to Wisconsin. The father was one of the representative citizens of his community and his demise, which occurred in 1863, was deeply regretted.

Isaiah D. Evans was reared at home and at the usual age entered the public schools, where he secured his early education. Subsequently he was a student in an academy at Spring Green, Wisconsin, and he took a commercial course in Eastman's Business College. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in Company E, Forty-ninth Wisconsin Infantry, of which he became first sergeant, and remained with that command until after the close of hostilities, being mustered out at Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri, in November, 1865, when not quite twenty-one years of age. He decided to try his fortune in the far west and in 1866 drove four mules across the plains from Nebraska City to Salt Lake City and thence to Virginia City, Montana. He remained in that territory for about four years, during which time he engaged in prospecting to a considerable extent, and for two winters taught school. In 1871 he returned to Nebraska

and located at Lowell, where he published the Lowell Register. Subsequently he established the Sutton Register and still later he was made cashier of the internal revenue office at Omaha. After his term of service expired he founded the town of Stockham in Hamilton county, Nebraska, in accordance with the terms of a contract with the Northwestern Railroad for establishing a station at that point. He saw to the platting of the town site and gave his personal attention to the sale of the town lots. During this time he also organized the Bank of Stockham, of which he was cashier for seven years. In 1896 he removed to Kenesaw and has since engaged in farming in this locality. He is a frequent contributor to the agricultural press of the state and active in promoting better farming along modern lines. Mr. Evans was married on the 25th of April, 1878, at Kenesaw, to Miss Emma Williams, a daughter of Professor A. D. Williams, a minister of the Baptist church, an educator of note and an able writer. Before her marriage Mrs. Evans was a very successful teacher and for about three years, while Mr. Evans was in the government service at Omaha, she conducted the Sutton Register, having charge of all the work of publishing the paper with the exception that Mr. Evans furnished some of the editorial copy. To this union have been born three children, as follows: Grace Alice, whose birth occurred in 1881, is a graduate of the State University of Nebraska and is now the wife of F. J. Schaufelberger, of Los Angeles, California. Fred W. lives near the Evans homestead and is farming in partnership with his father. He married Miss Hazel Armitage and they have a son, Cedric, two years of age. Esther Evilian is living at home and has largely relieved her mother of the cares of the house and is proving herself an expert housekeeper.

Mr. Evans is a man of influence in political circles of the state and has been a frequent contributor to the press on public questions. He is a progressive republican, being a strong believer in the rule of the people and in the strict regulation of big business. He recognizes that adjustment must be made in the political field as well as in others to the changed conditions of modern life and supports all movements calculated to bring about a more exact social justice. Among other progressive measures he favors the abolition of the liquor traffic as he is convinced that it is responsible for many of the evils with which society has to contend. He has served in a number of offices and has always proved capable and conscientious in the discharge of his duties. He was for some time clerk in the internal revenue office at Omaha and was later promoted to cashier of that office. In 1899 and again in 1911 he was elected representative from Adams county to the state legisla-



ture and during both sessions he stood firmly for all measures whose adoption he believed would make for the public good. In 1911 he was the republican candidate for speaker and was recognized as one of the leaders of the house. He was very influential in legislative affairs, was the author of the presidential primary law, of the law creating a board of pardons, and was active in support of the initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution. In 1912 he was a candidate for the republican nomination for state auditor. He is at the present time a candidate for the state senate for the district comprising Adams and Clay counties. He is widely known throughout the state because of his activity in political lines and all who come in contact with him acknowledge his ability and his public spirit. His interest in the larger affairs of government has not prevented him from being active in local matters and for fifteen years he was a member of the Kenesaw school board. He is connected with the Masonic order and the Odd Fellows and is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, thus keeping in touch with his comrades in blue. The record of his varied activities is in itself proof that he is a prominent citizen of Kenesaw and of Adams county.

### JAMES McKELVY.

James McKelvy is an honored veteran of the Civil war, being among the leaders of the old guard who defended the Union during the darkest hour in our country's history. He now resides at Juniata and all through the days of peace he has been as loyal to the flag as when he followed the stars and stripes on southern battlefields. He was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, April 25, 1838, the day on which Queen Victoria was crowned. His parents were Hugh and Margaret (Caldwell) McKelvy, and his grandparents were born in Scotland and came of an old family of that country. The father and mother, however, were natives of the Emerald isle and they came to the United States in 1842, when their son James was but four years of age, making the voyage in a sailing vessel which reached New York six weeks after leaving Liverpool. They became residents of St. Lawrence county, New York, where the father followed the occupation of farming and where both he and his wife had a family of nine children: John, deceased; James, deceased; George, enlisted for service in the Civil war under General Sherman; and three others. James was killed at Folly Island in South Carolina; Alex

#### *Died Jan 30* DEATHS AND FUNERALS 1924

McKELVY, James—Died 12:20 a. m., today, Juniata, age 86; funeral at Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. M. C. Smith, probably Friday.

Notice of Hearing.  
Estate of James McKelvey, Deceased.  
In the County Court, Adams County, Nebraska.  
To all persons interested in said Estate:  
Take Notice. That a petition has been filed for the probate of a certain written instrument now on file in said Court, and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of James McKelvey deceased, and said matter has been set for hearing March 1, 1924, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the County Court Room, in Hastings, Nebraska.  
Dated February 7, 1924.  
(SEAL) Joseph M. Turbyfill,  
Judge of the County Court.  
A true copy. 2-8-15-22.



the front under General Gillmore and lost a leg at the battle of Chapin's Farm, his death resulting two years later from the effects of his injury; Elizabeth Gray, Ellen Armstrong, Jane Glass and Margaret Johnson, all now deceased; and Mrs. Sibella Armstrong, living in St. Lawrence county, New York.

James McKelvy pursued his education in the common schools of New York and remained at home until he reached the age of seventeen years. He afterward worked out for a time but on the death of his father in 1859 returned home and there remained until the 29th of April, 1861, when in response to the country's call for troops he enlisted as a member of Company G, Sixteenth New York Infantry, to serve for two years. He was honorably discharged May 15, 1863, following the expiration of his term of enlistment. He then returned home, where he remained until the news reached him concerning the battle of Gettysburg, when he again joined the army, becoming a member of the Fourteenth New York Heavy Artillery for a three years' term. He was discharged September 14, 1864, at which time he was first sergeant of his company, and he received a commission as second lieutenant in recognition of his general efficiency. He then served as an officer until the Grand Review in Washington, when he resigned and returned home. He had been wounded in the explosion of the mine in front of Petersburg and was in the hospital for about two months, after which he was granted a sick leave of two months, which he spent at home. Twice during his connection with the army he was taken prisoner, once at the first battle of Bull Run and again in front of Petersburg, but he managed to make his escape both times. He was with the Army of the Potomac in all of its principal engagements except at Gettysburg and he made a splendid record as a brave and loyal soldier. Years afterward he served as a delegate to the reunion of the old soldiers held at Rochester, New York.

After the war Mr. McKelvy remained in the Empire state for a year and then removed to Van Buren county, Michigan, where he engaged in farming and carpentering for four years. In the spring of 1872 he arrived in Nebraska, settling four miles west of Juniata, where he secured a homestead claim on section 8, Juniata precinct. He there built a board shanty twelve by sixteen feet and sodded it up the first winter. He remained upon that farm until 1905 and then came to Juniata, where he still resides, purchasing a fine residence in the town after selling his farm. He now has a house and barn and four lots in the town and his is one of the most attractive and pleasant residences of Juniata. When he first came to Nebraska he worked at his trade, but the greater part of his attention has been given to gen-

eral agricultural pursuits and through his careful methods in tilling the soil and his well directed energy he won the success which is now his, enabling him to live retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest.

Mr. McKelvy has been married twice. In 1865 he wedded Miss Sarah J. McFadden, by whom he had five children, as follows: Lewell, who is deceased; Glenn, a resident of Biglake, Washington; Vasco J., who makes his home in California; Lysle, who has passed away; and one who died in infancy. The wife and mother passed away in 1882 and the following year Mr. McKelvy was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Emma Lochmar, who bore the maiden name of Emma Burwell. By her first husband she had a son, Frank Lochmar, who is a resident of Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr. McKelvy has been a lifelong republican and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He once served for a term as township supervisor but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and leave office holding to others. His religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Methodist church, to the teachings of which he has ever loyally adhered. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Juniata, in which he has filled almost all of the chairs, and both he and his wife are connected with the Order of the Eastern Star. He is likewise a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and has filled all of the offices in Geary Post, No. 81, of which he is now commander. In this way he maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades and delights in recounting scenes and incidents of the days when they followed the nation's starry banner upon the battlefields of the south. It was a time that tried men's souls, but from the war there were formed many pleasant associations, and kindred experiences drew men together in strong ties of friendship.

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### DAVID JOHN LEWIS.

David John Lewis is a well-known newspaper writer of Hastings who has done excellent and highly acceptable work for the Omaha Bee and the Hastings Daily Tribune. His birth occurred on a farm in Clay county, Nebraska, his parents being Herbert and Mary Lewis, who were married in Wales and following their emigration to the United States spent four years in Pennsylvania and Ohio. In 1875 they settled on a farm in Clay county, Nebraska, where the father was actively and successfully identified with general agricultural pur-



DAVID J. LEWIS



suits until 1905, when they took up their abode in Hastings, where the mother passed away on the tenth of May, 1910. Herbert Lewis still survives and is now enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well-earned ease.

David J. Lewis supplemented his early education by a course of study in Hastings College of Hastings, Nebraska, which institution conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1900. Since his graduation he has been engaged in newspaper work as a writer for the Omaha Bee and the Hastings Daily Tribune, and has won enviable recognition by his pleasing, forceful style, his articles proving an attractive feature of the journals to which he contributes. In his political views Mr. Lewis is independent, while fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His life measures up to the highest standards in every relation and he has won an extensive circle of warm friends in the city of his residence.

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### LEANDER JOHNSTON.

Leander Johnston owns a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 8, Denver township, but has retired from active life and is living in Hastings. He was born in Ohio just across the river from Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1853, and is a son of John and Eleanor (Gibson) Johnston, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Scotland. Both parents, however, accompanied their respective parents to Ohio in childhood and there grew to manhood and womanhood. A number of years after their marriage they removed to Illinois, but subsequently returned east, taking up their residence in Cortland, New York, where both passed away.

Leander Johnston was but a child when the family removed to Illinois and there he received his education. After completing the work offered in the public schools he entered the State Normal School near Bloomington and took a course in that institution. He assisted his father with the operation of the home farm during his boyhood and youth and continued to follow agricultural pursuits in Illinois until about 1890, when he came west to Nebraska, purchasing land in Denver township, Adams county. He devoted his time and energy to the operation of that place for many years and his industry was rewarded by a good financial return. About five years ago, feeling that he had accumulated a competence, he removed to Hastings and hired a man to take charge of his farm. He owns a comfortable residence at

No. 1124 West Sixth street and has made a place for himself as a valued resident of the city. While engaged in farming he raised both grain and stock and found both branches of his business profitable.

Mr. Johnston was married in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1887, to Miss Lena Everly, a daughter of Nicholas and Julia Everly. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have become the parents of a son, Raymond L., who was born in 1892 and is now the owner of a shoe store on Lincoln avenue in Hastings.

Mr. Johnston gives his political support to the republican party but has never sought office. He holds membership in the Masonic order and in the Elks lodge and has sought to exemplify the spirit of fraternity in his life. He had no capital when he began his career, but he understood farming thoroughly and this knowledge, combined with his industry and good business judgment, enabled him to gain financial independence.

## JOHN REES.

John Rees, a prominent representative of musical interests of Hastings, was born in Wales, September 7, 1855, a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Edwards) Rees, the former a marine engineer and machinist. The family crossed the Atlantic in 1870 and became residents of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Both parents are now deceased.

John Rees was one of a family of five sons and pursued his early education in the schools of Wales, while later he attended high school at Oshkosh. He was afterward apprenticed to the tinner's trade and in October, 1878, came to Hastings, where for two years he worked at his trade. In the meantime he had been studying music and merely utilized his trade in order to secure the means that would enable him to pursue his musical education. In 1880 he began teaching music and has since devoted his time and attention to that profession, teaching the violin, piano and pipe organ. He has also been active as a director of church choirs and is now serving as choir leader in the Congregational church. All of his time is given to his duties, for he has a large class and is regarded as one of the most capable and eminent musical directors in this part of the state. Nature imbued him with a love of music and from early manhood he has cultivated his taste and talent in this direction and has done much to further the enjoyment of the art in the city and county in which he lives. He had charge of the Presbyterian choir in Hastings for over thirty years and of the orchestra of

the Kerr Opera House for about twenty years and organized the Conservatory of Music at Hastings College. In the fall of 1912 he withdrew from the Hastings College Conservatory and established the Rees Music School.

In May, 1878, Professor Rees was married to Miss Laura Emery and to them have been born two daughters, May E. and Gertrude, both of whom are teachers in the Rees Music School. Gertrude displays marked talent as a pianist, while the elder daughter is regarded as one of the finest violinists in this section of the country and devotes part of her time to concert and recital work. She is now giving concerts in New York state. Both excel in their chosen branches of music and have studied under those who are acknowledged masters of the art.

In his political views Professor Rees is a republican but while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day has never been an office seeker. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons as a Knight Templar and as a Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree. He is also a representative of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is very fond of golf, in which sport he displays considerable skill, and for the past three years he has been president of the Country Club. His artistic powers and his moral nature render him popular in all circles and he is most widely and prominently known in his part of the state.

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### LEONARD P. MILLS.

Leonard P. Mills, who for the past nine years has operated his fine farm of four hundred and eighty acres on section 21, Denver township, was born in Hamilton county, Nebraska, on the 7th of May, 1877, a son of G. H. and Hope (English) Mills. The mother is deceased but the father is residing with his son, A. J. Mills, of Denver township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Leonard P. Mills was reared in his native county and received his education in the Trumbull schools. As a boy he became familiar with agricultural work and remained on the homestead for some time after reaching mature years. At length he went to Omaha but after staying there for a year came to Adams county, where he has since remained. He rents four hundred and eighty acres on section 21, Denver township, from George H. Pratt, a well known business man of Hastings, and has been very successful in the operation of this farm. He raises

wheat, corn and alfalfa and also sheep, cattle, hogs and horses. He understands thoroughly the cultivation of the land and the care of stock and both phases of his business return him a good profit. Since he removed to this place it has been improved by the erection of a cattle barn, a sheep barn and a silo. He owns eighty acres near North Platte and residence property in Hastings.

In July, 1906, Mr. Mills was married, in Hastings, to Miss Florence Hull, by whom he has two children: Evart, born April 30, 1909; and Esther, whose birth occurred on the 6th of June, 1911. Mr. Mills casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the prohibition party but has never sought office. He belongs to no societies nor lodges, preferring to spend his leisure hours at home. He has gained recognition as a progressive and capable agriculturist and as a man has won the respect and regard of those who have been associated with him.

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### THE HANSEN STATE BANK.

The Hansen State Bank is regarded as one of the strong and substantial financial institutions of Adams county because of the men who occupy its offices and direct its policy. This bank was founded in 1912 by H. A. Redman, who was elected president, C. M. Redman, vice president, L. J. Berg, second vice president, and J. J. Mohlman, cashier. The bank was capitalized for ten thousand dollars and they erected a bank building at a cost of forty-two hundred dollars. It is the first bank of the town of Hansen and it draws its patronage from the surrounding farmer community. It has adopted as its motto, service, silence and safety. The bank statement issued December 9, 1915, indicates a business of sixty-six thousand six hundred and twenty-six dollars, its deposits amounting to fifty-three thousand five hundred and seven dollars, its capital stock and surplus to ten thousand five hundred dollars and its profits to two thousand two hundred and fifty-six dollars. This statement shows that the bank is in excellent standing and indicates the excellent growth made by the institution during the short period of its existence.

H. A. Redman, the president of the bank, was born in Germany and in his youthful days came to America, settling first in Wisconsin, while afterward he accompanied his parents on their removal to Adams county in 1882, at which time the family home was established on a farm near Juniata. He afterward turned his attention to the



implement business in Juniata and later conducted a similar undertaking in Kenesaw. Becoming actively interested in banking, he aided in organizing the First State Bank of Kenesaw and later served for a few years as cashier of the German National Bank of Hastings. In the fall of 1911 he organized the Commercial Exchange Bank of Doniphan, Nebraska. Thus he brought broad experience to the present undertaking and his ability in the field of banking is an assurance to the patrons of the Hansen State Bank of its wise and successful conduct. Mr. Redman was married to Miss Anna Bade, of Adams county, who died while they were residing in Doniphan, leaving three children, of whom the son, C. M. Redman, is serving as the cashier and the daughter, Bertha, is assistant cashier of the Bank of Doniphan. The family hold membership in the German Lutheran church and are prominent in the business and social life of the community.

C. M. Redman, vice president of the Bank of Hansen, was born on a farm near Juniata in 1885 and attended the common schools there, after which he continued his education in the Creighton Pharmacy College of Omaha and then joined his father, H. A. Redman, in business and assisted him in organizing the First State Bank of Kenesaw and later the Commercial Exchange Bank of Doniphan, serving at present as cashier of the latter as well as vice president of the Hansen State Bank. He married Clara Polensky, a daughter of Emil Polensky, of Hastings. They, too, are members of the German Lutheran church.

L. J. Berg, who was the second vice president of the Hansen State Bank although he has retired from active management, was born in Illinois in 1878, a son of Gottlieb Berg, now deceased. In the early '80s he accompanied his parents to Nebraska, the family home being established on a farm near Kenesaw, where he still resides. He is one of the extensive landowners and prosperous citizens of the county, owning now five hundred and sixty acres. He helped to organize both the Hansen and Doniphan banks but sold his interest in both in 1913 and is now living retired at Kenesaw. He married a daughter of Ed Rief, of Hall county, and they have one child.

John J. Mohlman, cashier of the Hansen State Bank, to whom we are indebted for the material concerning the institution and the history of its officers, was born in Germany in 1883 and in the year 1889 was brought to Nebraska by his parents, John and Antje Mohlman, who settled in Clay county, near Glenville, where the father purchased a section of land, where he and his wife still make their home. They had a family of seven children, of whom two have passed away, while those yet surviving are Fred, John, George, Anton and

Grace, all living in Hall county with the exception of the second named.

John J. Mohlman was reared to manhood upon the old homestead and acquired a common school education, supplemented by study in Hastings College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1908. He took up the profession of teaching and served for three years as principal of schools, spending two years at Valentine and one year at Nelson. He then turned his attention to the banking business and aided in organizing the Hansen and Doniphan banks and is now vice president of the Commercial Exchange Bank of Doniphan and cashier of the Hansen State Bank, being active in the management and control of the latter, while his official position also gives him voice in the direction of the former. He is a wide-awake, enterprising and progressive young business man who realizes the fact that the bank which most carefully safeguards its depositors is the one most worthy of support.

In 1913 Mr. Mohlman was married to Miss Elsie Nielson, a daughter of Hans Nielson, who was formerly a resident of Valentine, Nebraska, but is now living in Copenhagen, Denmark. They have one son, Laverne, who was born in 1914. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church at Hansen, in the work of which they are actively interested, Mr. Mohlman serving as one of the trustees, and fraternally he is also connected with the Odd Fellows lodge at Hastings. He is a wide-awake and enterprising young business man, alert to the opportunities for the attainment of success and, like the other officers of the Doniphan and Hastings banks, occupies a very enviable position in financial circles in this county.

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### THOMAS G. WHITING.

Thomas G. Whiting is engaged in general farming in Juniata township and is today the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land which pays tribute to the care and cultivation which he bestows upon it. Though he started out in life empty handed, he has worked his way upward and perseverance and industry have been the salient features in his growing success. He was born in Rutlandshire, England, on the 9th of May, 1849, a son of Noel and Margaret (Bissell) Whiting, both of whom were natives of England, where they spent their entire lives. The father served for some time as a county official

there. In the family were six children, but the five daughters never came to the new world.

Thomas G. Whiting attended school in his native country but his educational opportunities were limited, for at the age of eleven years he began work and has since provided for his own support. He served for a time as footman in the family of a wealthy man and was variously employed in England until 1870, when he came to the United States, settling near Madison, Wisconsin. He spent two years there and in 1872 arrived in Adams county, Nebraska, after which he homesteaded on section 18, Juniata township, securing eighty acres of land to which he has added from time to time as his financial resources have increased until he is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres, constituting a very valuable farm to which he has added all modern accessories and equipment. He is also the owner of some city property in Oklahoma. His life in this county has been devoted to general farming and his labors have been attended with substantial success. He was also one of the organizers of the Farmers Grain Company of Juniata and has been a member of its board for a number of years.

In 1872 Mr. Whiting was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hardy, a native of England, by whom he had three children, as follows: George Noel, who cultivates land belonging to his father; Elva, who is the wife of E. J. Bolton and resides near Juniata; and Harry B., at home.

Politically Mr. Whiting is a staunch republican, having supported the party since becoming a naturalized American citizen. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his ability, have several times called him to public office. For four years he served as county commissioner, was justice of the peace for two years and has been road supervisor and school director. Both Mr. and Mrs. Whiting were members of the Episcopal church, but about five years ago he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, whose death was deeply regretted throughout the community as well as by her immediate family. She had indeed been a faithful companion to him, and to her he attributes half that he possesses. She shared with him in the hardships and trials of pioneer life in the days when they came to the county and their home was a little dugout. Afterward they had a sod house before they were able to build the more commodious, modern residence which Mr. Whiting later erected upon the farm. He put out one of the early orchards of the county and added all the improvements to his place and through all was encouraged by his wife, who ably managed the household affairs and indeed proved a helpmate to her husband. Mr. Whiting is con-

nected with the United Workmen lodge of Juniata and with the Banking Life of Lincoln, Nebraska. He has always been interested in community affairs, cooperating in movements and measures for the public good, and wherever he is known he is held in high regard because of a well spent life.

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### W. L. SUCHA, M. D.

Dr. W. L. Sucha, of Hastings, a well known surgeon of Nebraska, utilizes all of the latest discoveries and scientific developments of surgical science in the practice of his profession and has won a notable and enviable position as one whose skill places him in the foremost ranks. He was born on the 31st of March, 1884, in Schuyler, Nebraska, a son of Frank and Mary Sucha, who were farming people. The family came to this state in 1879 from Shelbyville, Illinois, and after devoting about a quarter of a century to general agricultural pursuits the father retired from active business in 1903. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding in October, 1915, having traveled life's journey together for a half century, during which their love and confidence has increased as the years have gone by. They became the parents of eleven children, six sons and five daughters.

Dr. Sucha, after attending the district schools, continued his studies in the Schuyler high school and afterward attended the Fremont Normal College, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Science degree. He thus secured a broad foundation for professional learning and entered upon the study of medicine at Creighton University at Omaha, from which he was graduated on the 2d of May, 1908. He afterward served as interne in the Omaha General Hospital for a year and subsequently practiced medicine at Orleans, Nebraska, for four years. He then went to Chicago, where he took post-graduate work, devoting his time to surgical clinics under the direction of J. B. Murphy, one of the greatest surgeons of the United States. He also added to his experience by professional service in Mercy Hospital. In February, 1914, he came to Hastings, where he now confines his attention to surgical work, performing both major and minor operations. His ability has brought him to the front and his laudable ambition along professional lines keeps him in touch with the latest discoveries of the science.

On the 1st of June, 1909, Dr. Sucha was united in marriage to Miss Irene Muldoon, a daughter of James K. Muldoon, of Omaha.

Both are devout communicants of the Catholic church. Dr. Sucha also belongs to Hastings Council of the Knights of Columbus and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is interested in all that pertains to the progress of his community, supporting every political and public measure for the general good. Along professional lines he is connected with the Republican Valley Medical Association, of which he has been president, the Nebraska State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He enjoys motoring and hunting as a means of recreation and when leisure permits employs his time in that way, but his first duty is always his profession and each year he takes post-graduate work in order to keep abreast with the trend of the times.

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### WILLIAM H. BURKE.

William H. Burke, who is a successful farmer of Highland township, where he owns one hundred and sixty acres of good land, was born in Galesburg, Illinois, on the 28th of December, 1869, and is a son of Patrick and Catherine (Gleasure) Burke. The father was born in Ireland and was there left an orphan, both of his parents dying during his boyhood. He came to America in 1849, when twelve years of age, being brought to this country by friends, and grew to manhood in Michigan. He engaged in farming there but following his marriage, which occurred in the Wolverine state, he went to Galesburg, Illinois, where he worked on a railroad until 1881, when he removed to Adams county with his family, which numbered four children. His wife was born in Denmark and was a daughter of Henry Gleasure, a representative of the same family of Gleasures that established the first Methodist Episcopal church in the United States. Mrs. Burke's father farmed in Michigan for a number of years and was successful in his chosen occupation. Mr. Burke died upon his farm in this county when sixty-five years of age but his wife is still living and makes her home in Hastings. All of their children are still living, namely: Rosa, who is teaching school in Chicago; William H.; Thomas G., who is retired and lives in Nevada; and Hattie, the wife of Len Patterson, a resident of Idaho.

William H. Burke attended the city schools of Galesburg, Illinois, and following the removal of the family to Adams county, Nebraska, attended the country schools near his home. As his age and strength increased he aided more and more in the work of the

farm and after reaching mature years took charge of the operation of the place. Subsequently he bought a quarter section across the road from his present farm but in 1904 disposed of that property and purchased the farm on section 16, Highland township, which he still owns. It comprises one hundred and sixty acres and as the land is naturally fertile and in a high state of cultivation he seldom fails to harvest good crops. He raises wheat, corn, oats and alfalfa and also keeps on hand some stock, averaging from eight to ten head of cattle and from twenty to thirty hogs. He has erected all of the buildings upon the farm with the exception of the residence and has otherwise improved the place.

Mr. Burke was married on the 29th of November, 1894, to Miss Mabel Houser, a daughter of George and Emily Houser, of Highland township. Her parents were formerly residents of Iowa but are now living in Linden, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Burke have become the parents of three children: Rollin, who was born December 23, 1895; Maurice, born December 11, 1900; and Kenneth, whose birth occurred on the 8th of September, 1906. Mr. Burke is a staunch republican and works loyally to secure the success of that party at the polls. He is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Hastings.

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### HENRY B. DAILY.

Henry B. Daily was one of the leading carpenters of Kenesaw and won an enviable reputation for skilled work and business integrity. He was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, on the 22d of May, 1838, of the marriage of John and Catherine (Becker) Daily. His parents, who were natives of Pennsylvania, went to Putnam county, Illinois, with their family in 1853 and three years later removed to Des Moines county, Iowa, where both passed away. The father devoted his life to farming and met with a good measure of success in that occupation.

Henry B. Daily attended the common schools and also assisted his father with the farm work. He remained at home until the 21st of October, 1861, when he enlisted in Company E, Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the battle of Shiloh and on a forced march between Pittsburgh Landing and Corinth was ruptured and was forced to remain for six months in camp. He was then discharged on the 10th of June, 1862, on account of disability

and returned home. He worked as a hired hand until 1872, when he came to Adams county, Nebraska, and located in Kenesaw. He turned his attention to carpentering, which he followed successfully until his death in May, 1897. He took a great deal of pride in his work, which was always well done, and the demands upon his services were heavy.

On the 2d of February, 1865, occurred the marriage of Mr. Daily and Mrs. Anna (Landis) Daily, a widow of his brother. She was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, on the 7th of February, 1838, and is a daughter of Christian and Anna (Funk) Landis, who were also natives of that county. In 1850 the family removed to Des Moines county, Iowa, and there both parents passed away. Mrs. Daily's first husband was also a soldier of the Civil war and while serving as a teamster during the siege of Vicksburg his saddle mule fell with him. He was very badly injured and also contracted swamp fever, from which he died in the Cumberland Hospital at Nashville, Tennessee. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Daily were born four children, namely: Alice, the wife of O. I. Roberts, who resides near Prosser; John W., a resident of Jones county, Iowa; Emma, at home; and Joseph L., who lives in Wheeler county, Nebraska.

Mr. Daily was an adherent of the republican party and served acceptably as assessor. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church and was also identified with the Grand Army of the Republic. He always discharged to the full all obligations resting upon him and took a public-spirited interest in the general welfare. He was a man of sterling worth and the circle of his friends was almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

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### HENRY J. C. MEYER.

Henry J. C. Meyer, who owns two hundred and forty acres of the north half of section 20, Blaine township, was born in Harrison county, Indiana, on the 22d of November, 1852. His father, C. Meyer, was born in Germany but emigrated to the United States in young manhood and in 1833 settled in Indiana, where he was married to Elizabeth Reinhart, also a native of Germany. In his early days the father was a turner and later became identified with agricultural pursuits.

Henry J. C. Meyer attended the common schools until he was sixteen years of age, when he put aside his textbooks and devoted his



entire time to assisting his father with the work of the farm. Two years later he went to Louisville, Kentucky, and there found employment in a furniture factory, so continuing until he was twenty years old. He then went to Troy, Indiana, and was engaged in making furniture there for six months, after which he was for a short time a resident of New Orleans. On returning north he went to Marshall county, Illinois, where he rented land until 1888, which year witnessed his arrival in Adams county. For a time he rented a farm but as soon as his resources would permit purchased his present place in Blaine township. He has always worked hard and his industry and careful management of his affairs have enabled him to acquire a competence.

Mr. Meyer was married on the 6th of October, 1888, to Miss Anka Valentine, a daughter of Harm and Trintze (Betten) Valentine, early settlers of this county. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, namely: William R., who was born on the 20th of August, 1892, and who is assisting his father; Christian L., who was born January 21, 1894, and is at home; Lorena, who was born July 2, 1898, and is now attending high school at Hastings; and Louisa, who was born November 24, 1903, and is a pupil in the South ward school at Hastings.

Mr. Meyer supports the republican party at the polls and keeps well informed as to the questions and issues of the day. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Evangelical Lutheran church at Hastings. His sterling personal worth has gained him the respect of all who have been brought into contact with him and his efficiency as a farmer is generally recognized.

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### JUDSON BURWELL.

Judson Burwell, who arrived in Adams county in May, 1871, took up his homestead in Juniata township and has since, or for a period of forty-five years, continued to reside upon that place, which he has brought to a high state of development. A native of Ohio, his birth occurred on the 18th of October, 1843, in Elmira, Fulton county. His father, Friend Burwell, was born in Addison, Vermont, on the 22d of September, 1814, and died in 1901. His parents were Henry and Annice Burwell. Friend Burwell was married in Williams county, Ohio, to Harriet S. N. Reynolds, who was born in Vermont in 1822



and died on the 13th of March, 1850. She was a daughter of Stephen and Samantha Reynolds.

Judson Burwell was reared under the parental roof and received his education in the public schools of his native county. On the 21st of April, 1861, he enlisted at Waterville, Lucas county, Ohio, in Company I, Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which went into camp at Cleveland. A short time later the command went to Columbus, where the men were armed, and some time in May they proceeded to Parkersburg, West Virginia. On the 3d of June, 1861, they took part in the battle of Philippi and they were also in the engagements at Laurel Hill and at Carricks Ford, Cheat river. His term having expired, Mr. Burwell was discharged on the 13th of August, 1861, at Toledo, Ohio, but on the 18th of the following October he reenlisted at Wauseon, Fulton county, becoming a member of Company E, Sixty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This command went into camp at Napoleon, Henry county, Ohio, where they remained until January, 1862, when they proceeded to Columbus to secure their arms and then left for the front. On or about the 1st of February they took boat at Cincinnati and landed in the vicinity of Fort Donelson on the 13th of February, 1862. The regiment was assigned to Colonel J. M. Thayer's Brigade, which was a part of General Lew Wallace's division, and the command remained in that division until Corinth, Mississippi, was evacuated. Subsequently they went into camp at Bolivar, Tennessee, but on the 5th of October, 1862, they participated in the battle at Hatcher's Run. In November they became a part of the Second Brigade, Third Division, Seventeenth Army Corps, Army of the Tennessee, and from that time until October, 1864, Mr. Burwell took part in all of the campaigns of the Army of the Tennessee, the most notable being those around Vicksburg, Mississippi, and Atlanta, Georgia. His term of service expired on the 28th of October, 1864, when he was honorably discharged and returned to civil life. Two of his brothers gave their lives in defense of the Union. Henry S. was a member of the Third Ohio Volunteer Cavalry and was killed near Iuka, Mississippi, and James, who belonged to the Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was fatally wounded at Chickamauga.

After leaving the army Mr. Burwell made his way to Kosciusko county, Indiana, where he engaged in farming for a year. He then removed to Michigan and after working on a farm there for a year he returned to Indiana, where he remained until the 4th of May, 1871. He then started for Nebraska and arrived where Juniata now stands on the 8th of that month. He went to Lincoln and filed on the south-east quarter of section 2, township 7 north, range 11 west, on the 15th

of May and had the distinction of being the first man to take up a homestead in that township. He still owns the farm and is still supervising its operation. He has proved very successful as an agriculturist, being at once practical and progressive in his methods, and his well directed labors have yielded him a gratifying income.

Mr. Burwell was married on the 29th of December, 1867, in Kosciusko county, Indiana, to Miss Mary A. Robinson, a native of that county and a daughter of James and Rachel (Anderson) Robinson, who were born respectively in Kentucky and Ohio. To this union has been born a daughter, who is the wife of J. E. Wiltrout. They have two living sons, Chester J. and Ora B., both of whom are married. Chester married Elizabeth Hubbard, by whom he has a daughter, Jean, born in May, 1913, and a son, Edward Elroy, whose birth occurred in June, 1915. Ora B. married Mary Clouder.

Mr. Burwell is a staunch republican in politics and has always taken a keen interest in public affairs. When the county was organized on the 12th of December, 1871, he was appointed by the governor as one of the judges of election, and he has also served as township assessor, as village trustee and as school trustee. Both in his official capacities and as a private citizen he has placed the public welfare above all personal considerations and his public spirit is generally recognized. In early manhood he became a member of the Christian church but of late years he has attended and contributed to the support of the Baptist church, of which he and his wife are now members. He holds membership in Geary Post, No. 81, Department of Nebraska, G. A. R., with which he has been identified since October, 1881, and he has held most of the offices. He is at present serving as commander, which position he has held a number of times, and the high esteem in which he is held by his comrades is further indicated by the fact that he was made a delegate from the Department of Nebraska to the National Encampment at Louisville, Kentucky; at Denver, Colorado; at Toledo, Ohio; at Detroit, Michigan; and at Los Angeles, California.

During the period of Mr. Burwell's residence in this county it has developed from a frontier region to a prosperous farming district and its people instead of having to endure the many hardships of pioneer life are provided with all the conveniences found in the older east. For a year after his arrival here he had to go to Grand Island, thirty-two miles distant, to get his mail and to buy groceries and other needed supplies, and it was a number of years before railroads were built through the county. He recognized, however, that the east was becoming overcrowded and that in time the west would be developed and believed in the future of this district. His faith in Adams county

has been justified, and the land which he homesteaded in 1871 is now very valuable. His life has been filled with useful activity and he is justly held in high esteem by all who know him.

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### MULFORD M. HAYNES.

Mulford M. Haynes is a member of the firm of Haynes Brothers, conducting business at Hastings as decorators. They stand in a conspicuous and enviable position in their chosen field of labor, the excellence and beauty of their work winning for them a liberal patronage and insuring to them a continuance of the trade. Industry, promptness and reliability are also factors in their growing success.

Mulford M. Haynes was born in Henry county, Illinois, November 16, 1867, a son of E. P. and Joanna (Barrows) Haynes. The family came to Nebraska in 1877 from Illinois and settled on a farm where the cemetery is now located. There the father carried on general agricultural pursuits for a number of years but afterward lived retired. Both he and his wife have now passed away.

Mulford M. Haynes pursued a public school education and afterward turned his attention to the building business, working at the carpenter's trade. For seven years he was in the employ of W. L. Yetter, a decorator, and in 1900 he and his brother purchased the business of Mr. Yetter and have since continued active along that line. They have done work all over this section of the state and now employ fifteen men. They have decorated the principal buildings in Hastings and also many fine structures elsewhere and their work presents many beautiful and artistic features as well as all that is new and novel in their line. Their patronage is extensive owing to the excellence of their work and their business integrity, their reputation in business affairs being unassailable.

On the 31st of March, 1897, Mr. Haynes was united in marriage to Miss Ida Gilbreth, a daughter of John Gilbreth, of Hastings. To them have been born four children, namely: Gilbert M., Dorothy L., Katherine J. and John W.

In his political views Mr. Haynes is independent, while his religious faith is that of the Christian church. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Haynes belongs to the Commercial Club and is interested in all the plans and projects for the upbuilding and development of his city. He served for four years as a member of the city council and exer-

cised his official prerogatives in support of many plans and measures for the general good. He was one of the first to take up the fight against saloons and has always been a stalwart supporter of the cause of temperance. In a word, he stands for anything that is for the betterment of the individual or the community and his influence is always on the side of right, reform and progress.

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### LEANDER E. MAXIM.

Leander E. Maxim engaged in carpentering in Kenesaw for a number of years and his excellent workmanship and good business ability enabled him to gain a gratifying measure of success. For twenty years before his removal to Kenesaw he followed farming in Kearney county and his well directed labors as a farmer also yielded him good financial returns. He was born in Somerset county, Maine, on the 3d of February, 1837, of the marriage of Jesse and Louisa (Pease) Maxim. The father, who was born in Plymouth county, Massachusetts, in 1807, was a direct descendant of Mayflower ancestry. In 1811, when but four years of age, he was taken by his parents to Maine and there resided until his death.

Leander E. Maxim received what was considered a fair education in those days, but as he was the eldest child and the family were in only moderate circumstances he had to begin work while still a boy. He aided in the cultivation of the home farm and also worked as a hired hand, being so employed until the 5th of November, 1861, when he enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company D, Thirteenth Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry. During much of his service he was employed in guarding trains and commissary stores but he took part in considerable fighting, including the Red River campaign. He was mustered out in January, 1865, and returned to Maine, where he followed the carpenter's trade until 1866. In that year he removed to Lewiston and for two years worked in the cotton mills there. He then again turned his attention to the carpenter's trade, which he followed in the east until 1876. That year witnessed his removal to Wisconsin and in 1878 he went to Kearney county, Nebraska. He homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land there and for twenty years followed agricultural pursuits, but at length sold his farm and removed to Kenesaw, where he worked at the carpenter's trade until he retired from active life.

Mr. Maxim was married on the 14th of September, 1868, to Miss



HERVEY U. MAXIM



MRS. HERVEY U. MAXIM



CLARENCE H. MAXIM



LEANDER E. MAXIM



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Cornelia A. Jones, who died in 1874. To them were born two children, Alma and Hervey U., both of whom are deceased. Mr. Maxim is independent in politics and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. His religious faith is that of the Free Baptist church and he is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic. He is eligible to the Sons of the American Revolution and has proved worthy of his Mayflower ancestry, standing firmly at all times for what he believes to be the right and manifesting a spirit of enterprise and self-reliance.

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### GEORGE W. LONG.

George W. Long, a progressive and efficient farmer residing on section 6, Denver township, was born in Livingston county, Missouri, on the 10th of October, 1879. His parents, James M. and Martha Josephine (Wilson) Long, were natives of Pennsylvania but resided for many years in Missouri, where the mother passed away. In September, 1904, the father came to Adams county, Nebraska, whence he subsequently removed to the state of Washington. After living there for a year he returned to this county and is now living on an eighty acre farm on section 5, Denver township, which is owned by our subject. There were three children in the family, of whom one died in infancy, the others being: George W.; and Marguerite, who gave her hand in marriage to J. L. Fullerton, the owner of a flour and feed store in Hastings.

George W. Long remained in Missouri until he was twenty years of age and is indebted for his education to the public schools of the state. Through assisting his father with the work of the home farm he gained valuable knowledge concerning practical methods of agriculture and after his removal to Adams county, Nebraska, in 1904, he purchased an eighty acre tract three miles north of his present farm. Subsequently he bought a quarter section in West Blue township which Bentley Brown now owns. After selling that place Mr. Long went to Kansas, where he purchased two farms, which he later disposed of. He next bought land in Hamilton county, Nebraska, but after holding it for some time sold out and returned to Adams county, purchasing land in Denver township. However, he resides on a rented farm, which is owned by Edwin A. Carl and which comprises one hundred and sixty acres on section 6, Denver township. He has operated this place for five years and his well directed labors are rewarded by

good financial returns. He does general farming, raising grain and stock, paying especial attention to the raising of thoroughbred Poland China hogs.

In 1901 occurred the marriage of Mr. Long and Miss Nannie Bruce, who was born in Sheridan county, Missouri, of the marriage of Daniel and Sarah Bruce. Two children have been born to this union, namely: Gladys, born on the 23d of February, 1906; and Alice, seven years old.

Mr. Long supports the democratic party at the polls as he believes firmly in the wisdom of its policies. He is well known in local fraternal circles, belonging to the Modern Woodmen, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, all of Juniata. He is very active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church at Juniata, to which he belongs, and for three years has served as superintendent of the Sunday school. His life has been guided by the highest principles of morality and all who have come in contact with him testify to his integrity and regard for the rights of others. In his farm work he is at once practical and progressive and the gratifying measure of success which he has gained is due entirely to his own efforts.

### KARL KAUF.

Karl Kauf is the senior partner of the firm of Kauf & Rinderspacher & Company of Hastings, controlling one of the important commercial and industrial enterprises of the city. Well defined plans, carefully executed, have led him forward to the goal of success and at the same time his business interests have been of a character which have contributed to the general welfare as well as to individual prosperity. He was born in Baden, Germany, on the 16th of March, 1862, a son of Jacob and Selma Kauf. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, has now passed away, but the mother is living at the age of eighty-four years, having for forty-one years survived her husband, who died in 1874.

Karl Kauf was educated in Germany and was a young man of eighteen years when on the 25th of September, 1880, he sailed for the United States. He located first in Newark, New Jersey, and afterward went to Massachusetts, where he remained for six months. Still later he became a resident of Nebraska City, where he spent three years working for one man. He afterward became a resident of Cali-



foria, where he remained for two years, and in 1887 he located at Hastings, where he formed a partnership with Mr. Rinderspacher, since which time they have been associated in business. They started with very little capital and a two by four meat rack was sufficient for their stock of meat. They made it a rule that they would never incur indebtedness and to this day have strictly adhered. Their trade steadily grew by reason of their honorable methods and unfaltering enterprise and after six years they were enabled to purchase their present place of business—a two story brick building now entirely devoted to their trade. They conduct both a wholesale and retail business in meats, shipping to various parts of the state, and they have the best equipped independent meat establishment in Nebraska, conducting their own slaughter house to which a private switch has been extended, having also their own ice house and employing twenty men. In addition to his other interests Mr. Kauf is a stockholder and director of the brewery, also of the canning factory at Hastings and is a stockholder in the foundry.

On the 9th of July, 1885, in California, Mr. Kauf was united in marriage to Miss Selma Rinderspacher, a daughter of Jacob Rinderspacher. To them have been born four children, namely: Mina, Marie, Selma and Karl.

Politically Mr. Kauf is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church, in which he is serving as treasurer. He is a valued member of the Commercial Club and also belongs to the Sons of Herman, of which he was the first president and is now acting as treasurer. He is a most progressive man, recognized as a leader in the German-American circles of the city, and notwithstanding the fact that he had but twenty-seven dollars when he arrived in the new world, he has worked his way steadily upward and is today one of the prosperous citizens and substantial business men of Hastings.

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### GEORGE W. GOSSARD.

George W. Gossard, who is engaged in general farming in West Blue township, was born in Washington county, Maryland, on the 18th of September, 1865, and in his youth attended the common schools until he reached the age of sixteen years, after which he worked

for three years upon the home farm of his parents, David and Mary (Elliott) Gossard, in whose family were fourteen children.

When nineteen years of age George W. Gossard removed to McDonough county, Illinois, where he remained for two and a half years, working at farm labor for his brother, after which he engaged in the cultivation of a rented farm on his own account for a year. In 1887 he removed to Hamilton county, Nebraska, and following his marriage in the same year he homesteaded in Hayes county, Nebraska, where he resided for seven years. In 1894 he went to Hall county, just north of the Adams county line, where he cultivated a rented farm for two years. In 1896 he rented land in Adams county and has since resided in this county with the exception of four and a half months, which he and his family spent in southern California. In 1906 he purchased his present farm.

It was on the 20th of September, 1887, that Mr. Gossard married Miss Ida Radenbaugh, a daughter of Henry Radenbaugh, one of the pioneer settlers of Adams county, who died in the year 1913, while his widow survives and is living in Hastings. Mr. and Mrs. Gossard have become the parents of four children. Guy C., who was born October 30, 1888, married Marie Crabb, of Los Angeles, California, and is now engaged in the practice of dentistry at La Manda Park, California. Ralph, born October 7, 1891, is engaged in farming near Victorville, California. Roy, born June 22, 1894, is at home. Dorothy, born July 2, 1901, is attending school in Trumbull.

Mr. and Mrs. Gossard are well known in their part of the county and are valued members of the Methodist church of Trumbull. Mr. Gossard is also prominent in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen camp and in the former has twice passed through all of the chairs and is now again noble grand. He has served as road overseer for five years but does not seek to figure prominently in political circles and in exercising the right of franchise casts an independent local ballot but at national elections supports the republican party.

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### CHARLES MORITZ.

Charles Moritz has made a creditable place for himself in business circles of Prosser and under his able management the Farmers Elevator & Lumber Company has enjoyed a steady growth. He was one of the organizers of the concern, which conducts five elevators

and which in addition to dealing in grain handles lumber, live stock and coal. A native of Saxony, Germany, his birth occurred on the 3d of February, 1855, and he is a son of Carl and Mary (Stahlhut) Moritz, who emigrated with their family to the United States in 1880. They located in Adams county, Nebraska, where they lived until 1914, when both passed away. They were the parents of six children, namely: Charles; Bertha, the wife of P. L. Boyd, a resident of the state of Washington; William, who is living in San Francisco; Martha, the wife of Rudolph Siebert, of Grand Island, this state; Robert, a resident of Seattle, Washington; and Richard, a high school inspector of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Charles Moritz was reared in his native land and received a thorough general education in an excellent gymnasium in that country. When sixteen years of age he went to sea but after a short time came to the United States in 1871. He at once made his way to the middle west and remained in Stark county, Illinois, until 1878, which year witnessed his arrival in Adams county, Nebraska. He located in Martin township, Hall county, and for fourteen years was prominently identified with agricultural interests there. In 1896 he embarked in the grain business at Prosser, organizing a farmers elevator company, which he managed with gratifying success until 1904. In that year he withdrew from that concern and in 1908 it became insolvent. He still remained active in the grain trade and at length organized a new company, known as the Farmers Elevator & Lumber Company, which now conducts five elevators, carrying on business in Prosser, Kenesaw, New Marsh, Hayland and the switch. The company handles a large amount of grain annually in its elevators and also does a large business in lumber, live stock and coal. The president of the concern is Henry Augustin, Jr., the vice president is Daniel McGowan and, as before stated, Mr. Moritz is the manager. His thorough knowledge of the business, combined with his sound judgment and foresight, has enabled him to develop the company into one of the leading concerns in this field of activity in this part of the state. He is also financially interested in the Hayland Bank, owns a half section of land in Hall county and one hundred and ten acres of irrigated land in Texas near the Rio Grande river.

Mr. Moritz was married in 1885 to Miss Helen Jost, by whom he has three children: Otto, who is associated with him in business; Max, cashier of the Bank of Hayland; and Martha, the wife of J. C. Snively, of Hastings, Nebraska.

Mr. Moritz supported the republican party in his young manhood, was later a populist and now votes independently, supporting the best

candidate irrespective of his party affiliation. While living in Hall county he served as supervisor and has always taken the interest of a good citizen in public affairs. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and the principles which govern his life are still further indicated by the fact that he is a prominent Mason. He belongs to the blue lodge at Juniata, to the chapter and consistory at Hastings and to the Shrine at Lincoln, and his wife and daughter are both affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star. He is a man of ability and unquestioned integrity and his personal friends are many.

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### LEONARD E. ISAAC.

Leonard E. Isaac, who is a representative farmer of Blaine township, was born in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 1st of January, 1869. His father, J. W. Isaac, was also born in Bureau county, where his parents, Elias and Mary (Black) Isaac, had settled in 1832 and where they both passed away. He was reared upon the home farm there and followed agricultural pursuits in that county until 1884, when he removed to section 23, Zero township, Adams county, Nebraska. He took up land and was actively and successfully engaged in its cultivation until 1892, when he retired to Hastings, where he served on the police force from 1893 to 1898. He passed away on the 8th of April, 1898. His wife bore the maiden name of Emeline Hildebrand and was a daughter of John T. Hildebrand, who settled in Zero township, Adams county, in 1882. He passed away ten years later and was survived by his wife for six years. Mrs. Isaac made her home with our subject from the time of her husband's demise until she too was called to her final rest, and she is buried in Parkview cemetery.

Leonard E. Isaac attended the common schools of Bureau county, Illinois, and assisted his father until he was twenty-one years of age, when his marriage occurred. In the meantime the family home had been established in Adams county, Nebraska, and on beginning his independent career our subject began farming on his own account in this county. He has been very successful as an agriculturist and derives a good income from the cultivation of two hundred and forty acres of land on section 32, Blaine township. He raises corn, hay and wheat and also stock and is a practical and progressive agriculturist.

On the 2d of November, 1890, Mr. Isaac was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Susan Carter, a daughter of W. H. and Malvina

Carter, of Livingston, Illinois. Her father is deceased but her mother is living and now resides at Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac have two children, a son and daughter. Verna Malvina, who was born on the 17th of March, 1893, married Joseph Daugherty, a son of James and Mary Daugherty, of Denver township, and an efficient young farmer of that township. To this union has been born a daughter, Neva, whose birth occurred on the 9th of January, 1913. Ernest, who was born on the 1st of January, 1898, is still at home.

Mr. Isaac supports the progressive party where national issues are at stake but at local elections votes independently. He belongs to the United Brethren church at Bethel, Denver township, and is identified with the Maccabees. He discharges to the full all obligations resting upon him and his many admirable qualities have gained him the personal friendship of those who have been most closely associated with him.

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### FRED BLAKE, JR.

Fred Blake, Jr., who is manager of the Pioneer market and as such is well known in the business circles of Hastings, belongs to that class of enterprising, progressive men whose close application and energy are the salient features of their growing success. He was born in Oxford, England, on the 18th of April, 1870, and is a son of Fred and Emily (Jones) Blake. The family came direct from England in 1874, settling at Hastings, where the father established a meat market, which is today the oldest market in years of continuous existence in the state. The company conducts both a wholesale and retail business and operates its own slaughterhouse and ice plant. They have utilized the most modern machinery to carry on the work and prepare and care for their meats and their shipping facilities are augmented by a private railroad switch which extends to their plant. The father is today numbered among the oldest business men of Nebraska and throughout all the years he has borne an enviable reputation for enterprise and diligence in his chosen line.

Fred Blake, Jr., spent his youthful days under the parental roof and acquired a public school education in Hastings, where practically his entire life has been passed. He was trained to the business in which he is now engaged and which has claimed his attention throughout the entire period of his connection with commercial interests. As his ability and experience developed he was intrusted more and more

largely with the control of the plant and is now manager, thus having direct supervision over the labors of ten employees. The business is one of the important enterprises of its kind in the city and the life record of Mr. Blake has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor, so that he is today numbered among the substantial citizens of Adams county.

On the 12th of September, 1905, occurred the marriage of Mr. Blake and Miss Elizabeth Colby, a daughter of George W. and Addie Colby. They have two children, Mary Jane and Adeline. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist church, to which they generously contribute and to the teachings of which they loyally adhere. Mr. Blake is a socialist in his political views and fraternally is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Eagles. His has been an active and useful life crowned with a substantial measure of success and he is now not only one of the owners of the Pioneer meat market but is also the owner of farm lands in the state and is greatly interested in the development of city and state, never faltering in his allegiance to those interests which have constituted directly resultant factors in public progress and improvement.

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### FRANCIS NAULTEUS, M. D.

Dr. Francis Naulteus, a well known representative of the medical profession in central Nebraska, practicing in Hastings, was born in Prussia on the 8th of October, 1835. Although he has now passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey, he still remains active in his chosen life work and is specializing in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and has one of the best equipped offices for the practice of his specialty in Nebraska. His parents, Frederick Francis and Theresa (Wahnschaft) Naulteus, were also natives of Prussia, but the father died at the age of fifty-six years, while the mother passed away at the age of sixty. He served in the army and he studied for the position of head forester. He spent his entire life in the forests, acting as inspector for many years, having an excellent position in the government employ. He had a fine home and was most comfortably situated.

After acquiring his elementary education Dr. Francis Naulteus continued his studies in the gymnasium at Mecklenburg, Saxony, and in the University of Halle. He studied medicine at Heidelberg and at Wurzburg and won his professional degree at Leyden, Hol-



DR. FRANCIS NAULTEUS





land. He afterward took post-graduate work in 1886 and 1887 at Berlin, specializing in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He entered upon his military career in 1857 and after a year's service with the volunteers became a lieutenant of the Twenty-seventh Regiment of Mecklenburg Infantry in 1859. In 1864 he served with the Prussian troops against Denmark and in 1866 with the Prussians against Austria. In the former war he was wounded in the leg and in the war with Austria was wounded in the knee. He did not lay off from duty, however, but, his wounds having been bandaged, kept on with the army. On the 2d of July, 1866, in recognition of his bravery, he was advanced to the rank of captain. Some years before this, or in 1857, he had served for six months in the hospital service and from 1866 until 1870 he was military physician with the rank of captain.

In the latter year Dr. Naulteus came to the United States, landing at New York. In 1873 he settled in New Orleans and later removed to Council Bluffs, where he engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery until 1878, during which period he served as examining surgeon for the pension board and for the Berkshire Life Insurance Company. While in Toledo, Ohio, in 1872 he was naturalized and has ever been a most loyal American citizen.

On the 30th of April, 1878, Dr. Naulteus came to Hastings to recuperate from a four weeks' siege of diphtheria which had occurred in Council Bluffs. He had slept only two hours in four weeks and his health was badly broken under the strain. Pleased with Hastings, he decided to locate here and has since remained save for the years 1886 and 1887, which he spent in post-graduate work in Berlin. When he removed to Hastings it contained a population of about three hundred people. There were no sidewalks and no improvements of any noticeable nature. About one-third of the population were thieves or robbers and everyone carried a gun for self-protection. He here entered upon the practice of his profession and has maintained a foremost place in the ranks of the medical fraternity of central Nebraska. He does not believe in operations except in extreme cases, and in two hundred and fourteen appendicitis cases which he has treated since 1904 he has never felt it necessary to operate in a single instance. He has always been a thorough student and has done a great amount of research work. He is the author of a Medical Compendium and has written considerable for the medical press.

In 1859 Dr. Naulteus was united in marriage to Miss Fredericka Hesse, a native of Prussia whose father was a whiskey manufacturer of Germany. She passed away in 1903, at the age of sixty-seven

years, leaving a son, Alfred Francis, who is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, resides at Deadwood, South Dakota, is married and has two children. On the 6th of August, 1904, Dr. Naulteus was again married, his second union being with Miss Emma Weitstein, who died the same year. For his third wife he chose Miss Julia Budnek, by whom he has a son, Francis William Armin. Her father served as a soldier in the German army and after emigrating to the United States became an agriculturist of Crete, Nebraska.

Dr. Naulteus has had no political aspirations and has filled no public offices. His religious belief is that of the Catholic church. He belongs to the Sons of Herman, which he aided in organizing, and he is well known in Masonic circles, having taken the degrees of the blue lodge, the Royal Arch chapter, the Royal and Select Masters, the Knights Templar and the Consistory. He holds membership also with the German Veterans and the German Landwehr Verein, which he aided in organizing and of which he was captain for four years. His is indeed a notable career. Few men of his years are as active, but he has ever kept alert and in touch with the progress of the times and is yet giving out of the rich stores of his wisdom and experience for the benefit of others.

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### EDWARD J. BOULTON.

Edward J. Boulton is the owner of one of the fine farm properties of Juniata township. His place is a beautiful one, with all modern equipment and giving every evidence of the careful and continued supervision of an owner who is both practical and progressive. He ranks with the representative agriculturists of this district and has been a valued citizen here for twelve years. He was born in Hancock, Michigan, on the 9th of August, 1873, a son of John and Mary Anne (Adams) Boulton, both of whom were natives of England, where they remained until after their marriage. They then came to the United States and after living in Michigan for a number of years removed to Nebraska in 1879, the father purchasing railroad land near Juniata. His attention was there given to general agricultural pursuits until about sixteen years ago, when he retired from active business life and took up his abode in Juniata, where he passed away eight years ago, having for two years survived his wife. In their family were eight children, as follows: John, who is a resident of

Kenesaw, Nebraska; Alice, who is the wife of T. W. McDonald and lives in Michigan; George and Mary, both of whom are deceased; Kitty, the wife of S. O. Vandreff, of Arapahoe, Nebraska; Harriet, who has passed away; Sarah, who gave her hand in marriage to W. J. Pedersen, of Juniata township; and Edward J., of this review.

The last named acquired a common school education and remained with his father until twenty-five years of age. Twelve years ago he took up his abode upon the farm which is now his home. It is situated on section 11, Juniata township, and is one of the most beautiful and attractive places of the district. He has erected a large and commodious residence built in modern style of architecture, has also built a big barn, a silo and a hog and chicken house. In fact there is every modern equipment upon his place, including the latest improved machinery, and he has one hundred and twenty-two acres of rich and productive land which he devotes to general farming, his labors annually producing good crops. In addition to his home interests he is a member of the Farmers Elevator Company of Juniata.

In 1901 Mr. Boulton was united in marriage to Miss Elva Whiting, a daughter of Thomas G. Whiting. They have one son, Harry, who is attending school. Mr. Boulton exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, guiding their lives by its teachings. During the period of his residence in the state he has gained a wide acquaintance and the substantial qualities which he has displayed have established him firmly in the warm regard and goodwill of all who know him.

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### CHARLES M. HARE.

Among the up-to-date and energetic young business men of Kenesaw who are doing much to promote the commercial growth and expansion of the town is C. M. Hare, the proprietor of the Kenesaw Smoke House. He deals in high grade tobacco, cigars and candy and also has three good pool tables, and the high standard which he maintains is indicated by the fact that his patrons are among the best people of the town. He was born upon a farm in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, on the 18th of August, 1887, and is a son of Daniel and Malinda (McLaughlin) Hare, also natives of the Keystone state. The father died there in 1908 but the mother is still living and now makes her home in Prosser, Nebraska. In their family were four

sons and four daughters of whom one son and one daughter are deceased.

Charles M. Hare grew to manhood in Adams county, Nebraska, and received his education in the country schools near Prosser. For a time he engaged in farming west of Prosser, after which he ran a dray line in Kenesaw, but on the 15th of July, 1915, purchased the Kenesaw Smoke House, which he has since successfully conducted. He carries a fine line of tobacco, cigars and candy, and his place is equipped with three good pool tables. He is accorded a large and representative patronage and is recognized as one of the leading business men of the town.

Mr. Hare was married in May, 1910, to Miss Louisa Garska, and they have a son, Elmer, whose birth occurred on the 14th of October, 1912. Mr. Hare is a supporter of the democratic party and takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs although not an aspirant for office. Fraternally he is identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and his religious faith is indicated in the fact that he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is always willing to cooperate in projects calculated to advance the interests of his community along moral, commercial and civic lines, and he holds the sincere respect and the high esteem of all who have been associated with him. Although he is a young man and he has only been engaged in his present business for less than a year, he has proved his ability and business acumen and his continued success is assured.

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### CONRAD GROTHEN.

Conrad Grothen, who owns eight hundred acres of excellent land, ranks as one of the most successful farmers of Adams county, and his home farm of four hundred acres on section 30, Denver township, is one of the best improved places in its locality. A native of Germany, he was born in 1866 of the marriage of Diedrich and Margaret (Ehlers) Grothen. The father died when our subject was four years old and the mother subsequently married John Hofer, who also passed away in the fatherland. Mr. Grothen of this review and others of the family came to the United States about 1879 and in 1881 the mother and the three youngest children also emigrated to the United States. By her two marriages she had eleven children and she now resides with a daughter in Aurora, Illinois.

Conrad Grothen attended the public schools in his native land

until he was about fourteen years of age, when he came to the United States to seek his fortune. He first located in Bureau county, Illinois, and for a number of years worked as a farm hand but in 1892 he decided to remove farther west and came to Adams county, Nebraska. While working for others he carefully saved his money and accumulated sufficient capital to purchase a quarter section of land in Denver township, which constitutes a part of his present home farm. His thorough knowledge of all phases of farm work, his energy and good judgment enabled him to prosper from the beginning and he has increased his holdings from time to time until he now owns four hundred acres on section 30, Denver township, and an additional four hundred acres in other parts of the county. His land is in a high state of cultivation and yields large crops annually. He operates his home farm and part of his other holdings and rents the remainder of his land. His principal crop is wheat but he also grows corn, oats and alfalfa and gives some attention to raising graded cattle, hogs and horses. With the exception of two small buildings he has made all of the improvements upon his farm and he keeps everything about the place in excellent condition. His residence is commodious and attractive and the barns and other outbuildings are large and well adapted to their purposes.

Mr. Grothen was married in 1892 to Miss Amelia A. Gross, a native of Bureau county, Illinois, and a daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Stamberger) Gross, who engaged in farming in that county but who are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Grothen are the parents of seven children, namely: Elmer, who was born March 10, 1893, and is assisting with the work of the home farm; Arthur, born December 14, 1896, who is also assisting his father; George, who was born May 10, 1899; Walter, May 24, 1902; Flora, March 15, 1904; Henry, October 23, 1907; and Martha, May 21, 1909.

Mr. Grothen is independent in politics, voting for the man rather than the party. He has always taken the keenest interest in everything relating to the general public welfare and his ability and public-spirit have been recognized by his fellow citizens, who have elected him to the office of justice of the peace. He was one of the leaders in the organization of the Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran church in Denver township, in the work of which he and his wife take an active part. He is not only one of the men of wealth in his county but he is also one of its most public-spirited citizens and personally he is held in warm regard. His genial nature and his consideration for the rights of others have gained him the friendship of those with whom he has been associated and his integrity has always been above question. He

came to this county as a poor boy but although he had no capital, no influential friends and did not understand the customs of the country, he was determined to gain success and applied himself energetically to the work which he found to do. His industry and perseverance have been richly rewarded and his career indicates what industry and sound judgment may accomplish.

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### HENRY C. HOBROCK.

Henry C. Hobrock is successfully engaged in farming on section 35, Highland township, and has made good improvements upon his place, which is in a high state of development. He was born in Meredosia, Illinois, on the 1st of February, 1867, a son of Herman and Eliza (Krems) Hobrock. The father was born in Hanover, Germany, but removed to America with his parents, who settled at Beardstown, Illinois, when he was fourteen years of age. There he grew to manhood and in 1866 was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Krems, a native of that town and a daughter of Henry Krems. Mr. Hobrock engaged in farming and accumulated a competence, which enables him to live retired in Hastings. His wife also survives. They became the parents of six children who grew to maturity, those besides our subject being: F. W., a resident of Hastings; W. C., who is living in Lincoln; Carrie, the wife of F. H. Kilver, of Denver, Colorado; Emma, who married Charles Rolfe, of Alma, Missouri; and Anna, now Mrs. Henry Kilver, of Bluff's, Illinois.

Henry C. Hobrock was reared in his native town but when twenty years of age accompanied his parents to Bluff's, Illinois. He remained at home until he was twenty-four years old, giving his father the benefit of his labor. On beginning his independent career he determined to follow the occupation of farming, with which he was thoroughly familiar, and rented his father's farm, which he operated on his own account for some time. He then purchased a farm in that locality and concentrated his energies upon its cultivation and development until the spring of 1907, when he sold and removed to Adams county, Nebraska. He had purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 35, Highland township, two years previously and on removing to this county at once took up his residence upon that place. He does general farming, growing wheat, corn, oats and alfalfa and raising stock for his own use. Although all of the buildings upon the farm were there when it came into his possession he has

improved it in other ways and keeps everything in excellent condition. He is at once practical and progressive and his industry and good management enable him to gain a gratifying financial return from his land.

Mr. Hobrock was married in 1891, when twenty-four years of age, to Miss Lizzie Finigsmier, a daughter of Henry and Mary Finigsmier, of Meredosia, Illinois. She passed away within a year of her marriage and on the 12th of March, 1896, Mr. Hobrock wedded Miss Louisa Marsh, a daughter of Henry and Clara (Sheuter) Marsh, also residents of Meredosia. Following the marriage of their daughter to Mr. Hobrock, however, they removed to Bluffs, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Hobrock have four children, namely: Mabel E., who was born March 2, 1897, and is at home; Harvey H., who was born on the 20th of February, 1899; Elmer H., born April 14, 1901; and Helen M., whose birth occurred on the 16th of February, 1911.

Mr. Hobrock is a stalwart republican and takes a commendable interest in everything affecting the public welfare. He attends the Lutheran church at Hastings, to the support of which he contributes. He possesses marked public spirit and no movement for the advancement of his community lacks his hearty cooperation. He is respected for his ability and genuine worth and his personal friends are many.

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### JOSEPH PITTZ.

Joseph Pittz, who owns a fine farm in Roseland township, has made many excellent improvements thereon and is especially proud of his grove, which is one of the best in the county. He was born in the grand duchy of Luxemburg on the 30th of April, 1845, of the marriage of Nicholas and Margaret (Schlemes) Pittz, who passed their entire lives in that country. They were the parents of seven children, namely: John, who when last heard from was residing in Germany; John, deceased; Mathias, a resident of Germany; Joseph; Anna, deceased; Elizabeth; and Bernard, who is living in Germany.

Joseph Pittz received his education in the public schools of Luxemburg and remained in that country until 1882, when he emigrated to the United States. He at once made his way to Nebraska and purchased land on section 6, Roseland township, Adams county, which he has since operated, although while a resident of Luxemburg he followed the carpenter's trade. He has carried on general farming, finding that the raising of both grain and stock is more profitable



than specializing in either. The buildings on his farm are substantial and well designed and everything is kept in good condition and he has a fine equipment of up-to-date machinery. He has given much attention to the development of his grove, which consists of over five thousand box elder and ash trees. He has now retired from the active work of the fields and his farm, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres of good land, is operated by his son.

Mr. Pittz was married in 1873 to Miss Anna Snyder and they became the parents of seven children, namely: Mary, the wife of Phillip Knapp, of Madison county, Nebraska; Mathias, who is farming in Juniata township; Peter, who resides near Bladen, Nebraska; Catherine, the wife of Herman Fischer, of Roseland township; John, who is operating the home place; Maggie, the wife of Nick Arensdorf, who resides in Silver Lake township; and Anna, who married J. P. Mangers, of Roseland township. The wife and mother passed away in 1915 and is buried in Assumption.

Mr. Pittz was formerly a democrat in politics but is now independent, casting his ballot for the man rather than the party. He is a member of the Assumption Catholic church, to which his wife also belonged, and contributes to its support. He has concentrated his energies upon agricultural pursuits and has won a measure of prosperity that now enables him to live retired and enjoy a period of leisure. He has many friends throughout the county and all who know him respect him highly.

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### FRANCIS MARION DENMAN.

Francis Marion Denman, a well known citizen of Kenesaw, Nebraska, eminently deserves classification among those self-made men who have distinguished themselves for their ability to master the opposing forces of life and to wrest from fate a large measure of success and an honorable name. His early environment was such as has ever fostered the spirit of personal independence and self-reliance, which have played so large a part in the upbuilding of the nation. His birth occurred on a farm in Miami county, Ohio, on the 12th of February, 1839, and his parents were Abraham and Margaret (Stickles) Denman, who were born in Hamilton county, Ohio, where they were reared and married. Both died in their native state and their passing was deeply regretted by their many warm friends.





M<sup>R</sup>. AND M<sup>RS</sup>. FRANCIS M. DENMAN



They were devout Christians and exemplified the sincerity of their faith in their daily lives.

Francis M. Denman was reared under the parental roof and much of his time was devoted to farm work although he received a limited country school education. When twenty-two years of age he left home and went to Illinois, where on the 5th of October, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Fifty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, as a private. His command was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee and he took part in the following engagements: Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, Chickasaw Bayou, Russell House, Arkansas Post, Hains Bluffs, Champion's Hill, the siege of Vicksburg, the relief of Knoxville, the siege of Jackson, Kenesaw Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Fort McAllister, Savannah, Clinton, the siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro, Columbia and Bentonville. He was also with Sherman on his famous march to the sea and northward through the Carolinas. He was made fourth sergeant on the 1st of November, 1864, and served as such with much credit to himself until the regiment was mustered out at Little Rock, Arkansas, on the 14th of August, 1865. During the siege of Atlanta he was wounded in the left leg on the 22d of July, 1864, but escaped further injury. His regiment made an unusual record, traveling eleven thousand miles and marching over three thousand miles. He marched in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., and while there visited the tombs of George and Martha Washington. He is an ardent admirer of Generals Sherman and Grant, under whom he served, and he was for some time under the command of General Halleck. He has a number of army relics but prizes most a cake of genuine army hardtack, which he has had framed.

Following his honorable discharge from the army at the close of hostilities Mr. Denman returned to his old home in Ohio, where he farmed until the spring of 1866, when he again went to Illinois. He was married there and followed agricultural pursuits in that state for fourteen years, but on the 20th of February, 1880, became a resident of Fillmore county, Nebraska, where he engaged in farming for twenty-two years. He devoted much time and thought as well as money to the development of his fine farm of two hundred and forty acres, which he made one of the best farms in Fillmore county. In 1902 he retired from active life and removed to Bruning, where he interested himself in various movements for the advancement of the community. In 1909 he came to Kenesaw, where he has since lived, enjoying the fruits of his former labor. He owns the northeast quarter of section 13, township 2, range 3, Jefferson county,

Nebraska, and the southeast quarter of section 36, township 9, range 13, west, Buffalo county, on which the town of Denman is laid out. He derives a gratifying income from his holdings and now ranks among the men of affluence residing in Adams county.

Mr. Denman was married in Illinois, in 1867, to Miss Julia A. McKnight, who was born in Ohio, near Piqua, on the 2d of November, 1846, a daughter of John and Martha (Giffin) McKnight. Her parents were born in Ohio, where they were reared and married, and the father passed away in Mason county, Illinois, at the age of sixty-five years. The mother is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Denman have had four children: Albert J.; Ella, the wife of E. Cook, of Hastings; Martha B., the wife of Samuel Wells, of Hall county, Nebraska; and John F., deceased.

Mr. Denman cast his first ballot for Stephen A. Douglas for president in 1860 and has always taken a keen interest in public affairs. His fitness for office has been recognized and while living in Bruning he served on the town board and on the school board and while a resident of Fillmore county was for three years county supervisor. He votes independently, preferring to follow his own judgment rather than the dictates of a party leader. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, in which he holds the office of elder, and fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The success which he has gained in spite of the fact that he began his career empty-handed is indisputable proof of his energy and his sound judgment, and he has been so straightforward and upright in all of his business transactions that there has never been the slightest question as to his integrity. He is highly respected for his ability and sterling qualities of character and his pleasing personality has gained him the warm regard of those who have been closely associated with him.

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### FRANK A. BLOOM.

Frank A. Bloom, conducting a poolroom in Hastings and also dealing in cigars and tobacco, was born in New York city on the 15th of September, 1870, a son of Charles and Fanny Bloom. The father was a speculator and both he and his wife are now deceased.

Frank A. Bloom obtained his education in the public schools of Ottumwa, Iowa, to which city his parents removed during his boyhood days. When he had mastered the branches of learning therein

taught he took up the business of cigar manufacturing and in the fall of 1888 came to Hastings. For a year and a half he worked at his trade in a factory and then became foreman, in which position he continued until 1900. Desirous of engaging in business on his own account, he had carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economical expenditures had enabled him to become the possessor of some capital. He then joined John W. Zink and they established the Evans Bloom Cigar Company. After a time Mr. Zink sold his interest to Mr. Evans, while Mr. Bloom continued his active interest in the business until 1910. In that year he purchased his present establishment, although he still remains a stockholder in the cigar factory. The principal brands of cigars made by the firm are the High Altitude in four sizes of ten cent cigars, the Very Best and the Good Cheer. His poolroom is a well appointed establishment liberally patronized. Everything is conducted according to high standards and the success which has come to him is well merited.

In 1900 Mr. Bloom was united in marriage to Miss Mollie E. Butler, and, while they have no children of their own, they are rearing an adopted daughter, Nellie Butler. In religious faith Mr. Bloom and his wife hold to the Lutheran church and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In politics he is a democrat, believing in the efficiency of the party principles as factors in good government, but he does not seek nor desire office and concentrates his efforts upon the development of his business, knowing that close application and unfaltering energy are among the strongest elements of success.

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### JOHN F. FABER.

John F. Faber, who is now residing at Hastings, has engaged in farming for many years and has gained a place among the most efficient agriculturists of the county. He was born in New York, and is a son of Jacob Faber, a native of Germany, who was married in 1866 to Johanna Faber, a cousin, and in 1867 emigrated with his wife to the United States, settling in New York.

John F. Faber attended the district schools in his native state and also devoted much of his time during his boyhood and youth to assisting his father with the farm work. On beginning his independent career he determined to follow the occupation to which he had been reared and has never had occasion to regret his choice of a life work.

He came to Adams county and became the owner of a good farm on section 7, township 5, range 12. He at once turned his attention to its development and operation and it is now one of the best improved places in its locality. He raises both grain and stock and receives a good income from his land.

In 1896 Mr. Faber was married at Carlton, Nebraska, to Miss Anna M. Koinzan, a daughter of Frederick Koinzan, of that place. Nine children, all of whom are at home, have been born to this union, namely: Emil, Adolph, Emma, Elsa, Ella, John, Goldie, Victor and Rudolph.

Mr. Faber belongs to the Lutheran church and can be depended upon to further movements seeking the moral advancement of his community. Since taking up his residence here he has gained many friends and his genuine worth is indicated by the fact that those who have been most closely associated with him hold him in the highest esteem.

### G. N. COON.

G. N. Coon is at the head of the Coon Lumber Company and as such controls an extensive trade in lumber and fuel, operating at Juniata and various other points. In all he undertakes he displays sound judgment and the spirit of enterprise that characterizes the west. He was born in Hamilton county, near Aurora, Nebraska, April 3, 1874, and is a son of Christopher C. and Mary (Kutch) Coon. The father's birth occurred near Columbus, Ohio, while the mother is a native either of Indiana or of Iowa. They were married, however, in Hamilton county, Nebraska, whither they removed with their parents, the wedding being celebrated June 24, 1873. Mr. Coon secured a homestead and followed farming for several years, after which he turned his attention to carpentering. Both he and his wife are still residents of Aurora and the former is of Scotch descent, while the latter is of German lineage. In the family were five children, as follows: G. N., of this review; A. B., who is a resident of Aurora, Nebraska; C. J., who lives at New Plymouth, Idaho; Myrl, a resident of Aurora, Nebraska; and Olive A., the wife of M. J. McDougall, of Aurora, this state.

G. N. Coon pursued his early education in the district schools of his native county, afterward attended the high school of Aurora and spent one year as a student in the State Normal School at Shenandoah,

Iowa. Starting in the business world, he became connected with the lumber trade at Aurora, being employed at various points until nine years ago, when he engaged in business for himself at Elmwood, Nebraska, where he remained for two years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Juniata, where he purchased a lumber and fuel yard, handling all kinds of lumber and building materials, cement and coal. In addition to the business at Juniata he has yards at Kenesaw, Roseland and Ayr, Nebraska, all of these being operated under the name of the Coon Lumber Company. The steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible and he has constantly broadened the scope of his activities as opportunity has offered, making wise investment of his capital in increase of his business.

In 1898 Mr. Coon was united in marriage to Miss Sophia S. Hurst, who was born near Coffeyville, Kansas, and by whom he has a daughter, Thelma Maurine. Both Mr. and Mrs. Coon are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he also has membership in the Odd Fellows lodge at Juniata, the Knights of Pythias lodge at Osceola, the Workmen's lodge at Kenesaw and also with the Highlanders of Osceola, exemplifying in his life the beneficent and fraternal spirit which underlies these organizations. He is a public-spirited citizen, interested in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of the community in which he makes his home, and he has cooperated in many plans and measures for the general good. Early in his career he also learned the lesson that there is no success in life without effort. The purpose of life is to afford opportunities, and in America these are presented in turn to everyone who is willing to embrace them. Humble birth and poverty are no handicap to the American youth, but opportunities slip away from the sluggard and tauntingly play before the dreamer, but surrender to the individual with high purpose, undaunted courage and indefatigable determination. These qualities Mr. Coon has displayed and therefore occupies his present enviable position in business circles of Adams county.

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### HORATIO R. SMITH.

Horatio R. Smith, who is successfully operating a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Blaine township, was born in Fayette county, Ohio, on the 27th of January, 1861. His parents, Peter W. and Ella (Painter) Smith, were both also natives of Ohio, where they were reared and married. At length they removed to Jasper county.

Iowa, where the father purchased land which he operated for a number of years. In 1881, however, he came to Adams county, Nebraska. To him and his wife were born five sons and five daughters, of whom two daughters and all the sons became residents of Adams county. Malvern became the wife of Elwood Hickman, but both are now deceased. Anna, the only living daughter, for a time made her home in Adams county but is now living in Fayette county, Ohio. Edward and Charles E. are living in Hastings. Louis is now living in Fayette county, Ohio, but was formerly a resident of Adams county. William E. is living in Holbrook, Nebraska.

Horatio R. Smith attended the common schools during his boyhood and also devoted much time to assisting his father with the farm work, thus gaining valuable knowledge concerning practical agricultural methods. In 1879 he came to Adams county and for a year worked for his brother Charles E., who was farming in Blaine township. In 1880 he began his independent career and has since operated rented land. He has farmed at different times in Blaine, Zero and Denver townships and for the past two years has rented one hundred and sixty acres on section 32, Blaine township. He is successful in the cultivation of the soil and the care of stock and receives a good annual income from his labors. He takes pride in keeping everything about the place in good condition and is recognized as an efficient agriculturist.

In 1887 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Roberts, a daughter of William Roberts, who removed to this county from Ohio in 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have become the parents of six children, as follows: Earl, who was born on the 22d of March, 1888, married Miss Frances Ferguson, a daughter of Frederick Ferguson, formerly of Denver township but now farming in Blaine township. Two children have been born of this union. Charles, whose birth occurred on the 5th of December, 1894, is living in Blue Hill, Nebraska. Florence, who was born on the 6th of October, 1897, is at home. The three youngest children, Carl, born December 6, 1899, Floyd, born October 2, 1904, and Paul, born February 7, 1907, are all attending the district school.

Mr. Smith believes that the policies of the republican party are based upon sound principles of government and supports its candidates at the polls. He served for several years as road overseer and justice of the peace and made an excellent record in those offices. His religious allegiance is given to the Methodist church and fraternally he belongs to the Loyal Mystic Legion of Hastings, of which he is a charter member. He began his career empty handed but as the years



have passed has worked hard and practiced thrift and is now in comfortable circumstances. Moreover, he has so ordered his life that he has won the esteem and respect of all who have come into contact with him and has gained the warm regard of many.

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### DOEDE SMITH.

Doede Smith is now living retired in Hastings but in former years was prominently identified with commercial and industrial pursuits, his business affairs being of a nature that contributed to public progress as well as to individual benefit. A native of Germany, he was born on the 7th of January, 1848, and is a son of Engelke and Tomke (Jansen) Smith, the former a blacksmith by trade.

Doede Smith spent his youthful days in his native country and, while he did not have unusual opportunities, he attended the public schools and received thorough training in work that brought to him a knowledge of the value of industry, perseverance and economy as factors in the attainment of success. At length he determined to try his fortune in America and when a young man of nineteen years sailed for the new world, attracted by the opportunities offered on this side the Atlantic. It was in 1867 that he came to the United States, making his way to Pekin, Illinois, where he remained for three years. In 1870 he went to Lincoln, Nebraska, and soon afterward secured a homestead claim in Lancaster county. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon that place, but with characteristic energy he began its development. Later he removed to Nebraska City, where he remained for a year and a half, and on the expiration of that period took up his abode at Crete, Nebraska, where he took up the business of plow manufacturing. He also engaged in the implement business and in merchandising and remained a very prominent and active factor in the industrial and commercial circles of that city for an extended period. Gradually he worked his way upward, his success resulting from unfaltering industry and capability. In 1904 he disposed of his business and came to Hastings, where he erected a beautiful residence, in which he is now living retired, enjoying a rest that he has truly earned and richly deserves. After coming to Hastings, however, he purchased an interest in the Polinske Schellak & Company brickyard, but takes no active part in the management of the business, his investment, however, bringing to him a good financial return.

On the 28th of August, 1871, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Franke Wilts, a daughter of Frederick and Tetta Wilts, and their children are: Engelke, now living in Omaha; Tetta, the wife of William S. Schellak; and Fred D., who is a traveling salesman and resides in Norfolk, Nebraska. There are also eight grandchildren. Having lost his first wife, Mr. Smith was married again, his second union being with Sophie Onken, of Peoria, Illinois. Mrs. Smith has been very prominent as a leader among the ladies of Hastings. She belongs to a family that has been represented here for thirty-four years and has been closely associated with public interests of the city. In his political views Mr. Smith is a republican thoroughly informed concerning the questions and issues of the day. He belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and both he and his wife are connected with the Congregational church. He is likewise identified with the German Congregational Seminary at Crete, of which he was a trustee for a quarter of a century, while for seven years he has been president of its board. His interest centers in all those things which work for the development and upbuilding of the community along material, intellectual, social and moral lines. He is a representative of our best type of American manhood and chivalry. By perseverance, determination and honorable effort he has overthrown the obstacles which barred his path to success and reached the goal of prosperity, while his genuine worth, broad mind and public spirit have made him a director of public thought and action.

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### WILLIAM URE NICHOL.

William Ure Nichol, funeral director, conducting business at Kenesaw, was born at Minden, Nebraska, on the 12th of November, 1888, his parents being W. E. and Ida (Ure) Nichol. The father settled in Minden in the early '80s and engaged in the hardware and furniture business until about 1909. Since then he has given his attention exclusively to the undertaking and to the wall paper business. For a long period he has been regarded as one of the most prominent and active business men of Minden and is well known throughout Kearney county.

Reared under the parental roof, William Ure Nichol attended the Minden high school and later became a student in Monmouth College at Monmouth, Illinois, where he pursued a four years' classical course, winning the degree of Bachelor of Arts. From early

childhood he has been associated with his father in the undertaking business and was connected with a large undertaking establishment at Omaha before coming to Kenesaw. He arrived here, however, in 1914 and opened undertaking parlors, since which time he has conducted business as a funeral director and licensed embalmer.

On the 17th of July, 1914, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Mr. Nichol was married to Miss Marguerite Wallace, a daughter of the Rev. William Wallace, of Mitchell, South Dakota. They are members of the Presbyterian church at Kenesaw and occupy an enviable position in social circles, being accepted wherever true worth and intelligence are received as passports into good society.

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### GEORGE B. McCOLLAM.

George B. McCollam was successfully engaged in farming for many years and at the time of his death owned a good farm eight miles northeast of Hastings. He was born in New Philadelphia, Ohio, on the 18th of January, 1855, and in his early youth accompanied his parents to the vicinity of Bloomington, Illinois, where they resided until called by death. The father followed the carpenter's trade and was very successful in that connection.

George B. McCollam received a common school education and learned the carpenter's trade under his father, whom he assisted until he was twenty-three years old. He then left home and after residing for a year in Iowa came to Adams county, Nebraska, in 1879. For a short time he worked by the month and then rented a farm. Subsequently he was joined by his married brother James and they operated in partnership a rented farm located about eight miles northeast of Hastings. Following his marriage in 1892 Mr. McCollam of this review purchased that farm and continued to reside there until called by death on the 3d of June, 1912. He took great pride in keeping up his place and added a number of improvements to the farm after it came into his possession. He followed approved methods in his work and used up-to-date machinery, thus increasing his efficiency, and seldom failed to harvest large crops. As he managed his affairs well he secured a good income from his land and became one of the prosperous residents of his township.

In 1892 Mr. McCollam was united in marriage to Mrs. Emma (Mays) Cook, the widow of Fletcher Cook, of Indiana. By her first marriage she had a son, Fred Edward, who was born on the 25th of

November, 1884, and died on the 21st of July, 1905, at the home of his uncle, David Mays, of this county. Following the demise of Mr. Cook his widow removed to Adams county in 1889 and made her home with her brother David until she became the wife of Mr. McCollam. To this union was born a son, George Alvin, whose natal day was the 8th of February, 1896, and who assists in the operation of the homestead. Mrs. McCollam's sister Ella, who is the widow of George Dallas Mullin, and her daughter Dora are also living on the home place. Mrs. McCollam and her son have kept the farm in a high state of development and are operating it successfully.

Mr. McCollam gave his political allegiance to the democratic party but was never very active in public affairs. He gained many friends during the long period of his residence in this county and his memory is still held in honor.

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### C. J. VANHOUTEN.

For many years C. J. Vanhouten has been connected with agricultural and banking interests in Adams county. He entered the field of banking about eighteen years ago and since that time he has conducted the institution now known as the Bank of Juniata. Mr. Vanhouten is a native of Indiana, his birth having occurred near Crown Point, November 18, 1873, his parents being John R. and Josephine (Chapman) Vanhouten. The paternal grandfather was a native of the state of New York and was of Holland extraction. On leaving the east he resided at different periods in Michigan and in Ohio, following the occupation of farming as a life work. John R. Vanhouten left Indiana when his son C. J. was but nine months old and removed with his family to Nebraska, where he homesteaded four miles west and four miles south of Juniata. He also secured a tree claim and, meeting the requirements of the law concerning the acquisition of property, secured in time his title to the land. He built thereon a sod house with a board floor and roof and after proving up on his claim he removed to Juniata, where he remained for thirty years, engaging in the livery business during twenty years of that time. He served in the Civil war as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-first Regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry under Captain Aaron W. Lytle. He was a self-made man whose business ability brought to him all that he enjoyed or won of this world's goods and his many sterling qualities occasioned his death to be deeply regretted

when, in 1909, he passed away. His widow survives and made her home in Juniata until two or three years ago. In the family were five children: H. J., now living in Montana; C. J., of this review; F. M., a resident of Forest City, Arkansas; R. J., who is in Los Angeles, California; and R. L., living in Redlands, California.

C. J. Vanhouten obtained his education in the schools of Juniata, supplemented by a commercial course. His early youth was spent upon the home farm and he has always been more or less largely connected with agricultural pursuits. In early manhood he turned his attention to tilling the soil, purchasing eighty acres of land on section 15, Juniata township, after which he converted the tract into productive fields. Eighteen years ago he took up banking in the employ of the firm of C. R. Jones & Company. They conducted their business as a private bank for twenty years but afterward reorganized it as the Bank of Juniata, under which name it has since been conducted. At the time of the reorganization Mr. Vanhouten became a member of the firm. In 1910 he erected a building for bank purposes and the institution was installed in its new home. The capital has been doubled since the organization and the business has ever been conducted upon a safe, substantial basis that thoroughly protects the interests of depositors. Mr. Vanhouten also conducts an insurance and real estate business and the various phases of his activities are constituting features in his growing success.

In 1909 Mr. Vanhouten was married to Miss Laura E. Boyd, who is a member of the Methodist church, while Mr. Vanhouten belongs to the Baptist church, his parents having been instrumental in establishing the first Baptist church in Juniata. In politics he is independent, nor has he ever sought political preferment. His chief interest has been his business and the careful direction of his affairs has brought to him growing and substantial success.

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### CHARLES C. LARSEN.

Adams county has been signally favored in the class of men who have occupied her public offices, for on the whole they have been men of public spirit, devoted to the welfare and upbuilding of the district and faithful, businesslike, prompt and reliable in the discharge of official duties. Such has been the course of Charles C. Larsen, now filling the office of county recorder of deeds. He was born in Holstein, Adams county, February 24, 1883, and is a son of Paul C. and

Caroline Larsen, who were farming people. The father came to Nebraska in the year 1878 and purchased railroad land, after which he bent his energies to the development of a farm, converting the wild land into productive fields. He continued to engage actively in the work of the farm until 1904, when he put aside business cares. His wife died in 1903, but he and his daughter still reside upon the farm, although he has retired from business.

Charles C. Larsen entered the public schools at the usual age and after mastering the lessons therein taught spent two terms at the Fremont Normal College. He afterward engaged in teaching, which profession he followed for nine years in Adams county, proving a capable educator with ability to impart clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He was called to official position in 1912, when he became deputy in the office of the district clerk, thus serving until the 7th of January, 1914, when he entered upon the position of county recorder of deeds, to which he had previously been elected. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and he does everything in his power to legitimately further its success.

On the 30th of August, 1911, Mr. Larsen was united in marriage to Miss Ellen M. Rothwell, a daughter of James H. Rothwell. In religious faith the family are Protestants. Fraternally Mr. Larsen is connected with the Modern Woodmen, with the Royal Highlanders and with the Odd Fellows. He turns for recreation to fishing and outdoor life, which he greatly enjoys. He is never remiss in the duties of citizenship and his devotion to the welfare of his community is marked. At all times he manifests a progressive spirit in relation to the public good and his substantial personal traits also endear him to those with whom he is brought in contact.

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### JOHN L. KENT.

John L. Kent, of Verona township, has gained a place among the efficient and well-to-do farmers and stock raisers of the county and is also entitled to recognition as a veteran of the Civil war. His birth occurred in Kendall county, Illinois, on the 26th of November, 1842, and he is a son of James M. and Mary (Ferguson) Kent. His paternal grandfather, James Pierce Kent, was born in Virginia in 1785, and his wife was also a native of that state. James M. Kent was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, but in young manhood

removed to Ohio, where he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ferguson, a native of that state. In October, 1842, they removed to Kendall county, Illinois, and ten years later went to Cedar county, Iowa. They squatted on land which they subsequently purchased for a dollar and a quarter per acre and resided upon their farm until called by death. In early manhood the father followed the tailor's trade but when thirty years of age turned his attention to farming, to which he devoted the remainder of his life. He was very active in public affairs and served for three terms as a member of the Iowa state senate. His death occurred on the 20th of August, 1896, and that of his wife on the 28th of February, 1888. To them were born nine children, as follows: Keziah F., the wife of C. G. Brink, of Crawford county, Iowa; Laura, deceased; John L.; James M., of Kene-saw, Nebraska; W. O., who is living in Oakwood, Oklahoma; T. B., of Oxford Junction, Iowa; N. H., of Clarence, Cedar county, Iowa; Mary E., who is the wife of Edwin Elijah, of Clarence; and Charles H., who is living in Marion, Linn county, Iowa.

John L. Kent received a good common school education in Illinois and also gained much valuable training in agriculture during his boyhood and youth. On the 5th of August, 1862, he answered his country's call for volunteers, enlisting in Company B, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for three years, or during the war, but was discharged on the 31st of July, 1864, on account of wounds received in the service. At the battle of Port Gibson he was wounded in the ankle and at the battle of Mansfield his arm was shattered above the elbow. It was two years before he was able to use it at all and as a result of the wound it is four inches shorter than the other. He participated in the battles of Port Gibson, Raymond and Champion's Hill, was in the siege of Vicksburg and in the battle at Jackson, Mississippi. He then returned to Vicksburg and from that point went down the Mississippi to New Orleans and up the Red river, taking part in the engagement at Carrion Crow bayou. He then returned to New Orleans but subsequently again went up the Red river and fought in the battle of Mansfield, where he was wounded. He held the rank of a non-commissioned officer, and his coolness and gallantry gained him the commendation of his superiors.

After receiving his discharge from the army on account of disability Mr. Kent returned to Cedar county, Iowa, and remained there until June, 1873, when he came to Adams county, Nebraska, and homesteaded land on section 30, Verona township. He brought his place to a high state of cultivation and made many excellent improvements thereon but in 1890 sold out and purchased his present farm



on section 28, Verona township. The farm comprises a quarter section of productive land and its value has been enhanced by the erection of commodious and substantial buildings. Mr. Kent breeds pure blooded Poland China hogs and shorthorn cattle and also engages in raising full blooded Plymouth Rock chickens. His labors have been rewarded by a substantial income and he is now in very comfortable circumstances.

In 1867 occurred the marriage of Mr. Kent and Miss Maggie E. Kemp, who passed away in 1879. To them were born seven children, namely: John G., a resident of Nampa, Idaho; Alice, the wife of L. M. Hayes, of Nampa; Laura C., who married D. W. Miles, of Cherry county, Nebraska; Edward L., who is farming near the home place; J. D., of Lake Mills, Iowa; O. C., who is farming near our subject; and Keziah M., the wife of T. W. Mays, of Kenesaw. In 1881 Mr. Kent was again married, Miss Sara A. Trueman becoming his wife. Their four children are: Amelia L., the wife of G. H. Teeple, of Floyd county, Iowa; Ella L., who married Harry Graham, of Hastings, Nebraska; George Arthur, of Grant county, Nebraska; and Minnie K., the wife of William Geddes, of Prosser, Nebraska.

Mr. Kent has supported the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and does all in his power to secure its victory at the polls. For forty years he has acceptably filled the office of school director and for seven years he was assessor. He was reared in the Methodist Episcopal church, which he still attends and supports. He is identified with the Grand Army post at Juniata and thus keeps in touch with his comrades in blue. In all the relations of life he has measured up to high standards and enjoys the confidence and warm regard of his fellow citizens.

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### WILLIAM S. SCHELLAK.

Death seldom carries with it such a sense of personal bereavement to so many as it did when William S. Schellak was called from this life on the 11th of November, 1915. He had been a popular business man of Hastings for more than two decades and was the possessor of qualities which rendered him popular in the various circles in which he moved. A native of Dayton, Ohio, he was born in 1870 and was a son of Martin Schellak, a prominent early settler of Adams county. He arrived in this county in 1882, removing from Dayton, Ohio, and for years William S. Schellak bore his part in the work of business



development in Hastings. His rise in business circles was rapid. He seemed to know just when and where and how to put forth effort to produce the greatest possible results and seemed to have realized at any one point of his career the possibility for successful accomplishment at that point. He became a leading figure in manufacturing circles, becoming connected with the Polenske & Schellak Brick Company and also with the Polenske Brothers Brick Company. He was a most progressive business man, realizing and utilizing opportunities, and whatever he undertook proved of benefit and value to the community as well as a source of individual success. In the late '90s he was for some time manager of the Kerr opera house.

In 1901 Mr. Schellak was united in marriage to Miss Tetta Smith, a daughter of Doede Smith, and they became the parents of two children, Evelyn and Wilhelmina, aged respectively twelve and nine years. Mr. Schellak belonged to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Sons of Herman. He was a man of unfailing good nature which made him lovable in his home, in business and in club circles. He was always ready to respond with a cheery word or warm smile and he was one of those who shed around him much of life's sunshine. Death came upon him without a moment's warning and proved a shock to the entire community, for he was very popular and his sudden taking off was a matter of the deepest regret to all who knew him and especially to those of his own household, where he was known as a devoted husband and father.

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### R. L. SABIN.

R. L. Sabin, president and manager of the Queen City Laundry of Hastings, has conducted his present business since 1903 and intelligently directed effort is bringing to him growing success. He is one of Nebraska's native sons, his birth having occurred in Beatrice on the 17th of November, 1878, a son of R. W. and Emma L. Sabin. The father is an attorney and in 1870 came with the family to Nebraska, where he won distinction as a member of the bar. He served as city attorney, as county attorney and for some years filled the office of district attorney. Both he and his wife are still living and he yet remains active in professional circles.

R. L. Sabin completed his public school education by graduation from the high school of Beatrice, Nebraska, after which he entered the State University and pursued the electrical engineering course.

He was thus well qualified by liberal education for life's practical and responsible duties. He then became connected with F. J. Kimball & Co. in the laundry business and began operating this plant, of which he had charge for four years. On the 27th of March, 1903, he purchased the business, which he reorganized. He was also at one time the owner of a half interest in Shipley's Laundry at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and operated that plant. He is likewise proprietor of the laundry business at Grand Island conducted under the name of the Model Laundry Company. At his Hastings plant he employs thirty people and utilizes two automobiles in the collection and delivery of laundry. He employs the latest improved processes, uses the best machinery and maintains the highest standard of excellence in the work. These points, added to his thoroughly reliable business methods, have brought him a constantly increasing patronage and made the enterprise one of the profitable industrial concerns of the city.

On the 15th of December, 1906, Mr. Sabin was united in marriage to Miss Anna H. Speich, a daughter of Emanuel Speich, of Washington, D. C. They have one child, Hilbert Speich. Mr. Sabin holds the Protestant faith and in politics is a republican. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and he also belongs to the Commercial Club and to the State Laundry Association. He is fond of outdoor life and in that way takes his recreation, thus finding relief from onerous business cares which are constantly growing with the increase of his patronage. He is at all times alert, wide-awake and enterprising, ready for any emergency and a dependable man under any circumstances and in every relation.

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### JOHN P. DUNCAN.

John P. Duncan has resided in Roseland since 1887 and has had a part in the business development of the town. For a number of years he was engaged in the grain, coal and live-stock business but is now living retired. His birth occurred in Elgin, Illinois, on the 14th of September, 1845, and his parents were Patrick William and Bridget (Kingsley) Duncan, the former born in County Monaghan, Ireland, and the latter in County Wexford. They were married, however, in the vicinity of Hartford, Connecticut, about 1843 and in the following year removed to Chicago, whence they went to Elgin, Illinois. The father, who was a stonemason, worked on the con-



JOHN P. DUNCAN



struction of the Illinois Central Railroad and after leaving the employ of that corporation continued to follow his trade for some time. He also farmed near Elgin for a few years but later went to Savanna, Illinois, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits and also worked as a stonemason. In 1870 he decided to try his fortune still farther west and came to Adams county, Nebraska, homesteading on section 14, Silver Lake township. That place remained his home until 1879, when he took up his residence in Roseland, where he died about 1900 and where he is buried. He was a man of marked public spirit and held the esteem of his fellow citizens in full measure. He lost his first wife when their only child, our subject, was but six months old and subsequently he married Ellen McGrath, by whom he had the following children: William F., a resident of Roseland; James, of Thorp, Washington; Eugene, Julia, Mary and Kate, all of whom are deceased; Anna, the wife of Lee Arnold, of Roseland township; and Ella Bovard, who lives at Ayr, Nebraska.

John P. Duncan was educated in the common schools of Illinois and through assisting his father gained much valuable knowledge of farming. In 1870, when about twenty-five years of age, he came to this county and took up a homestead on section 10, Silver Lake township. His first residence here was a shanty built of palings, and his farm equipment was very primitive. But he was determined to succeed and by dint of much hard work and careful planning he gained a start and from that time on his resources increased steadily. He engaged in farming until 1887 and during that time brought his place to a high state of development. In October of that year he built a residence in Roseland, the second house to be erected there, and he has since resided in the town. About 1888 he and his brother William built an elevator in Roseland and for a number of years he was one of the leading grain, coal and live-stock dealers of the locality. The enterprise and sound judgment which enabled him to succeed as a farmer were again demonstrated in the conduct of his business interests in Roseland and he gained a gratifying measure of prosperity. He is now living retired and is enjoying a leisure which his former labor has made possible.

Mr. Duncan was married when twenty-eight years of age to Miss Anne Dempsey, who passed away leaving a daughter, Bridget Frances. In 1881 Mr. Duncan was again married, Miss Bridget Loughran becoming his wife. To them were born seven children, namely: Stephen P., a druggist of Blue Hill, Nebraska; Mary Ellen, the wife of Frank J. Roth, of Roseland; Annie F., who is a stenographer in the employ of the Peters Trust Company of Omaha; John W., a

practicing physician of Omaha; Sarah, at home; James, attending the State University; and Kathleen, deceased.

Mr. Duncan is a democrat in politics and served as supervisor for a number of years. He and his family are members of the Assumption Catholic church and observe its teachings in their lives. Fraternally he is associated with the Workmen lodge at Roseland. He is acquainted with practically the entire history of the county as it was but sparsely settled when he arrived here in 1870, and in the fall of 1871 he planted what was probably the first fall wheat sown in the county. While so occupied the Indians stole a horse and it was not until the following April that he recovered it. This incident is of interest as it indicates the annoyances to which the early settlers were subjected by the red men and there were also many other unpleasant features of pioneer life, but Mr. Duncan had faith in the future of the county and lived to see that faith amply justified.

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### JOHN R. COREY.

John R. Corey is proprietor of the Hastings Bus & Transfer Line, in which connection he is conducting a substantial business, his success being based upon close application, unfaltering energy and reliability. He was born in Titusville, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1867, and is a son of M. V. and Sarah (Burgher) Corey. The father was engaged in the implement and oil business when in the east and in the year 1876 he came with his family to Nebraska, settling in Saline county, where he conducted an implement store, remaining in active business there until his death. His wife has also passed away. In their family were seven children, five sons and two daughters.

The youngest son, John R. Corey, whose name introduces this review, obtained a public school education and afterward continued with his father for some time, assisting him in the conduct of the implement business. He then went upon the road as a traveling salesman, representing a dry goods house for a number of years. He started out independently as partner in the Evans Bloom Cigar Company at Hastings, in which he owned a third interest for six years. He then purchased the bus and transfer business on the 11th of July, 1914, and has since been at the head of an undertaking conducted under the name of Hastings Bus & Transfer Line, in which connection he operates five taxis and also has eighteen head of horses and various vehicles. He has all the equipment for the conduct of

funerals, including three hearses. He operates hotel busses and does baggage transfer work and furnishes employment at all times to from twelve to fourteen men. His business has now grown to large proportions and is capably, systematically and carefully conducted. Mr. Corey at all times endeavors to please his patrons and thus secures a gratifying patronage.

On the 24th of November, 1887, Mr. Corey was united in marriage to Miss Eda J. Goebiring, her father being Jacob Goebiring, who settled in Clay county, Nebraska, in 1873 and became the proprietor of the first hotel in Harvard. Both he and his wife have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Corey have one son, John Raymond, who is nine years of age.

In religious faith Mr. Corey is an Episcopalian. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he takes an active part in furthering its work and promoting its success. While he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, he served by appointment on the staff of the governor with the rank of colonel. Fraternally he is identified with the Elks, the Woodmen and the United Commercial Travelers and he belongs to the Commercial Club. In manner he is social and genial and has the qualities which render him popular wherever he is known, for he is always approachable and considerate of others. His business integrity and enterprise have also won him high respect and he is justly accounted one of the representative residents of Hastings.

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### C. C. ROBINSON.

While actively engaged in farming C. C. Robinson managed his affairs so well that he accumulated a competence, which now enables him to live retired in Prosser and to enjoy a period of well earned leisure. His birth occurred in Highgate, Vermont, on the 29th of August, 1842, and he is a son of Warren and Polly (Miers) Robinson, lifelong residents of Vermont. The father was very prominent in public affairs, served as overseer of the poor for forty years, was county judge for about ten years and for four terms represented his district in the state legislature. He reached a very advanced age, dying in 1896, when ninety-two years old. The family originally came from the north of Scotland and the ancestry has been traced back three hundred years. The mother of our subject passed away in 1879 and both she and her husband are buried at Highgate, Ver-

mont. To them were born eight children, namely: Felicia, who is deceased; Byron, a resident of Blaine, Maine; Orville, who is living in St. Paul, Minnesota, and has the distinction of being the oldest violin maker in the United States, having followed that trade for sixty years; Emily, deceased; C. C.; Roswell, who was killed in the battle of the Wilderness during the Civil war; Anna, the wife of C. G. Austin, of Highgate, Vermont, and one who died in infancy.

C. C. Robinson attended the common schools of Vermont in the acquirement of an education and remained at home until nineteen years of age. On the 7th of February, 1862, he answered the call of the government for troops, enlisting in Company F, Eighth Vermont Volunteer Infantry. He remained with that command until honorably discharged on the 22d of July, 1864, and took part in many hard fought engagements. He went to New Orleans with General Butler and after engaging in the campaign around that city for six months was with the forces of General Banks and participated in the siege of Port Hudson. Later he fought in the battle of Bisland, Louisiana, and after that went on the Red river expedition under General Banks. Subsequently he was detailed to picket duty in the swamps and bayous of that region for some time and also took part in the expedition against the rebel gunboat King Cotton. He volunteered as one of the sharpshooters who were to kill the gunners assigned to the rebel gunboats, Hannah Jane, John C. Calhoun and The Little Devil, before they reached the boats. These Federal sharpshooters were also on a boat and when their vessel was compelled to stop because of running against a large chain stretched across the river the rebel soldiers entrenched along the bank began shooting at them. The officer in command, Commodore Buchanan, was shot in the wheel-house, and the sharpshooters in the rigging were subsequently ordered to land and charge the rifle pits. This was done and the trenches and sixty sharpshooters were captured. The Federal forces followed the King Cotton up the bay as far as the channel was navigable and then the rebels, seeing that capture was inevitable, burned the boat.

Mr. Robinson returned home after his discharge from the army and for three years resided in Hubbardstown, Massachusetts, after which, in 1879, he migrated westward and took up a homestead in Hall county, Nebraska. He proved up on that place and for twenty-two years concentrated his energies upon its further improvement and development. His labors were practical and progressive and were rewarded by a substantial financial return. He is now living retired in Prosser but still owns two hundred acres in Hall county and also holds title to twenty acres within the limits of Prosser.



In 1867 Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe E. Sheppard, by whom he has had six children, namely: Artemus, who is operating his father's farm in Hall county; Emma, the widow of David Elliott; Pearl J., who is engaged in the automobile business in Prosser; Lillie D., who is the widow of Elmer Stalkup and resides in Alberta, Canada; Lee Warren, of Butte, Montana; and Ray, at home.

Mr. Robinson is a republican in politics and has taken considerable interest in public affairs. He has served acceptably as road supervisor, as marshal and as street commissioner and keeps well informed as to political conditions. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church and is always willing to aid in its work in every way possible. His Christian faith has guided him in all of the relations of life and no movement for the moral advancement of his community has lacked his heartiest cooperation. For fifty years he has been affiliated with the Masonic order and he is one of the leading members of the local blue lodge. He belonged to the Grand Army post in Prosser as long as it was maintained but since its discontinuance has not become identified with any other post. His sterling worth has gained him the sincere respect of all who have come in contact with him and there are many who hold him in warm personal regard.

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#### CHARLES G. LANE.

The Exchange National Bank of Hastings, now one of the strong and leading financial concerns of Adams county, is largely the outgrowth of the business enterprise, ability and close application of its president, Charles G. Lane, whose thoroughness in all that he undertakes is one of the salient features of his growing success. He is one of New England's native sons, his birth having occurred in Hampton, New Hampshire, November 25, 1862. There he was reared and he supplemented a public school education by study in the Phillips Academy at Exeter, New Hampshire. After completing his school life he went to Boston and accepted a position as city salesman with the Batchelder & Lincoln Company, wholesale dealers in shoes, with whom he remained for about three years. His identification with the west dates from 1884, in which year he made his way to Red Oak, Iowa, where he entered the First National Bank, in which he spent four and a half years. In 1888 he arrived in Hastings and accepted the position of assistant cashier in the bank of which he is now the

president. Three years later he was advanced to the position of cashier and continued in that connection for several years, or until he was made president. Throughout the period of his residence in Hastings he has devoted his entire time to the bank and his efforts have been one of the potent elements in its substantial growth. He infused life into the institution, introduced modern methods and at all times has kept in touch with the trend of modern progress in banking circles. His close application, his thoroughness, the wise system which he installed and his careful safeguarding of the interests of depositors have been the elements in the continued growth of the institution, which is today one of the leading banks of this part of the state.

On the 30th of July, 1902, Mr. Lane was married to Miss Mary McElhaney, a native of Brookfield, Pennsylvania, but reared and educated in Greenville. They have one son, Charles Willson, ten years of age. The family occupy a fine residence in Hastings, in addition to which Mr. Lane owns considerable property in Minnesota and Nebraska. In his political views he is a republican where national issues are involved, but casts an independent local ballot and has never accepted political office. He has served, however, as president of the school board of Hastings for a few years and he is never remiss in the duties of citizenship, cooperating in various plans and measures for the public good, notwithstanding the fact that he leaves office holding to others. Fraternally he is connected with Hastings Lodge, No. 50, A. F. & A. M., with Nebo Commandery, No. 11, K. T., of which he is the present eminent commander, and with Hastings Consistory, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to Sesostri's Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Lincoln. He is a courteous, genial gentleman of unfeigned cordiality and he has many friends in this part of the state, for his marked characteristics are those which in every land and clime awaken confidence and regard.

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### W. J. PEDERSEN.

W. J. Pedersen, who carries on general farming on section 26, Juniata township, purchased his place about fourteen years ago. It comprises one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land two and a half miles south of the town of Juniata and he operates the entire half section. His farm is equipped with all modern improvements and accessories and constitutes one of the attractive features of the land-

scape. The spirit of enterprise has actuated Mr. Pedersen in all that he has done and laudable ambition has been one of the strong features of his growing success. He was born in Denmark, April 24, 1863, a son of Hans and Hannah Pedersen, who were likewise natives of that country. They came to the United States in 1867, settling in Hartland, Wisconsin. Soon afterward the father died and the mother later married again, becoming the wife of Ole Halverson. By her first marriage she had five children, namely: Charles, who is deceased; Rosa, who is the wife of Rasmus Christensen, of Wisconsin; W. J., of this review; Anna, who is the wife of Carson Stover and lives near Hastings, Nebraska; and one who died in infancy. There were no children born of the second marriage, and Mrs. Halverson passed away about ten years ago.

W. J. Pedersen was only four years of age when brought by his parents to the new world. He acquired a common school education but was early thrown upon his own resources and worked as a farm hand for his board and clothing until he reached the age of sixteen years, when he began working by the month, receiving five dollars per month in the summer, while in the winter season he worked for his board. He was employed in that capacity until 1881, spending some time as a farm hand near Casselton, North Dakota. In 1885 he removed to Adams county, Nebraska, settling in Juniata township, where he purchased eighty acres of land. About fourteen years ago he purchased his present property, which is situated on section 26 of the same township. He owns three hundred and twenty acres, all in Juniata township, and success is attending his well directed labor as a farmer. There were no improvements upon the place at the time of his purchase but he erected a good house which was afterward destroyed by fire. In the summer of 1915 he completed his present commodious and attractive residence, which is one of the fine farm houses of the township. He has added all the barns and sheds necessary for the shelter of grain and stock and has secured the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. His life is a busy and useful one and excellent results follow his labors.

At the age of twenty-seven years Mr. Pedersen was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Boulton, a sister of Edward J. Boulton, of whom a sketch appears on another page of this work. To them have been born four children, namely: Charles, Orta, Marcella and Walde-mar, all at home.

In his political views Mr. Pedersen is a democrat yet does not feel himself bound by party ties and casts an independent ballot if his judgment so dictates. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern

Woodmen of America at Juniata and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. They have many warm friends in the community where they reside, for their fidelity to duty and their sociability have gained for them the warm regard of those whom they have met.

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### HENRY AUGUST DAMKROEGER.

Henry August Damkroeger has devoted his life to farming and is recognized as one of the capable and successful agriculturists of Highland township. He owns two hundred and forty acres of good land on section 26 and keeps everything about the place in excellent condition. He was born in Westphalia, Germany, on the 29th of July, 1876, and is a son of Henry and Charlotte (Grenemeyer) Damkroeger, who in 1888 removed with their family to the United States and settled in Jefferson county, Nebraska. After farming there for seventeen years they went to Clay county, Nebraska, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits for fifteen years. At the end of that time he retired and he and his wife are now living at Hastings. They are the parents of the following living children, namely: Louisa, who is residing in Adams county; Katie, now Mrs. H. H. Mahling, of Highland township; Henry August; Mary, the wife of Frank Selko, of Clay county; Charlotte, who married Henry Meyer, of Jefferson county, Nebraska; Emma, the wife of Fred Selko, of Clay county; and Ida, the wife of Ferdinand Dieck, of Clay county.

Henry A. Damkroeger accompanied his parents to the United States in childhood and received his education in Jefferson county, Nebraska. He early began to assist his father with the farm work and remained on the home place until he was thirty years of age, during part of which time he was engaged in the operation of the farm on his own account. At length he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Clay county but after operating that place for five years sold and came to Adams county. He purchased his present farm, which comprises two hundred and forty acres on section 26, Highland township, and in the intervening years has made a number of improvements thereon. He raises wheat, corn, alfalfa and oats and also some stock. He has a number of good dairy cows and derives a gratifying profit from the sale of his cream. He understands thoroughly all phases of farming and his labors are efficient and are rewarded by a good income.

On the 15th of February, 1901, Mr. Damkroeger was united in

marriage to Miss Dora Papenhaden, a daughter of Fred and Augusta (Schmidt) Papenhaden, of Hamburg, Germany. Mr. Damkroeger was born in that country but when sixteen years of age emigrated to the United States. By her marriage she has become the mother of eight children, namely: Martha, who was born on the 10th of January, 1902; Ernest, born August 31, 1903; Henry, November 22, 1905; Tabitha, September 28, 1907; Helmuth, July 24, 1909; Amanda, February 13, 1911; Alfred, December 30, 1912; and Fred-erick C., September 26, 1914.

Mr. Damkroeger votes the republican ticket as he believes in its policies and he takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs. He and his family attend the German Lutheran church, to the support of which he contributes, and the uprightness of his life has gained him the sincere respect of all who have come into contact with him. The gratifying measure of success which he has gained is due entirely to his own industry and good management and he is one of the valued citizens of his township.

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### ORVILLE BUTLER.

Orville Butler, connected with the Farmers Cooperative Grain & Live Stock Company at Juniata, is also actively identified with agricultural interests in this county and has farm property elsewhere. He has ever depended entirely upon his own resources and labors for advancement in the business world and his progress has been the merited reward of his effort. He was born in Lee county, Illinois, November 14, 1852, a son of Albert and Olive (Rodgers) Butler. The father was born in the state of New York but was married in Illinois and in the year 1854 removed to Marshall county, Iowa, where he and his wife spent their remaining days. The father followed the occupation of farming but died there prior to the Civil war. In the family were five children: Franklin, now living in Marshall county, Iowa; Martha J., whose home is in Holt county, Nebraska; Rachel, who was a twin sister of Martha and is now deceased; and Mrs. Estella Scott, of Ida Grove, Iowa.

The other member of the family is Orville Butler, who was but two years of age at the time his parents removed to Iowa, where he pursued a common school education. He was reared to farm life and remained at home until about nineteen years of age, when he began farming on his own account in Iowa. In 1882 he came to Nebraska,

where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for a few years. He later began work at the grain trade, with which he has since been connected save for a period of three and one-half years when he held the position of head engineer at the State Hospital. He was the first man hired by the month when that institution was opened. He is now connected with the Farmers Cooperative Grain & Live Stock Company, in which connection he is conducting an important and growing business. He thoroughly understands every phase of the trade and is therefore well qualified to carry on the interests under his direction. He now owns a pleasant home in Juniata, together with sixteen acres of land adjoining the town, and he is likewise the owner of one hundred and sixty acres in Wichita county, Kansas, together with ten acres and a town lot at Sheridan, Colorado county, Texas. All that he possesses has been acquired entirely through his own efforts and his energy and laudable ambition have been the basis of his growing success.

In 1874 Mr. Butler was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Liveringhouse, by whom he has eight children, as follows: Faye F., who is a resident of Eldorado, Nebraska; Frank, at home, who spent about a year in Cuba as a member of the Third Nebraska; Cora, who is the wife of Paul Walker, of Minden, Nebraska; Fred, living in Abilene, Kansas; Ross, a resident of Germantown, Nebraska; Ralph, at home; Vida, who is the wife of A. L. Dominy, of Hastings; and Nettie, the wife of A. Stull, residing on her father's farm near Juniata.

In politics Mr. Butler is a republican and has filled the office of road overseer. His wife is a member of the Dunkard church and he holds membership in the Modern Woodmen camp at Juniata, in which he has filled all of the chairs, serving at the present time as banker. His has been an active and well spent life and devotion to duty is the keynote of his character. He has based his success upon persistency of purpose, indefatigable energy and unfaltering business integrity and has steadily progressed toward the goal of prosperity.

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### CHARLES H. HUDSON.

Charles H. Hudson, recognized as one of the leaders of the republican party in Adams county, is now filling the position of county clerk and makes his home in Hastings, where he has a wide and favorable acquaintance. His record is one which makes Adams county proud to number him among her native sons. His birth occurred on

the 19th of February, 1879, his parents being Orlando and Minerva J. (Gilmore) Hudson. The family came to Nebraska in 1878 from Vandalia, Illinois, and settled a mile north of Hastings, where they took up their abode upon a farm. There they resided for eight years or more, when the farm was sold and the family removed to western Nebraska, where the father continued business as a general mechanic. It was a period of drought, however, when crop failures brought on hard times, and Mr. Hudson accordingly sold his interests in that part of the state and went to Utah. Still later he became a resident of Idaho and is now living in Palma, that state.

Charles H. Hudson is the eldest surviving member of a family of five children. He was educated in the country schools and the public schools, in which he pursued his studies to the ninth grade. His youthful training was that of the home farm and he early became familiar with all of the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. When but a young lad he took his place in the fields and continued to assist in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting until he attained his majority, when he secured a clerkship in a general store at Prosser. He afterward became a partner in a drug store and continued in that business until he entered the campaign for county clerk in 1911. He made an excellent run for the office, was elected and entered upon the discharge of his duties. During his first term he was only absent from his office one day and on that occasion—a day in 1912—he went with other officials to Lincoln and there was instrumental with them in preventing the state board of equalization from making the threatened ten per cent increase in the assessment of real estate in Adams county. He discharged the duties of his position promptly and faithfully and as economically as conditions would warrant. He was most painstaking in all that he undertook and the excellent record of his first term led to his reelection, so that he is now serving for a second term.

In religious faith Mr. Hudson is a Methodist and fraternally is connected with the Odd Fellows, Elks, the Woodmen and the Eagles. He also belongs to the Commercial Club and cooperates in every plan and movement of that organization for the benefit and upbuilding of the city along lines leading to permanent good. He is fond of camp life, of hunting and in fact all phases of outdoor life and is interested in baseball and tennis. In a word, his is a well rounded development. He can work well and play well and knows that the even balance of these things develops the strongest men and the best characters. He has social manly qualities which render him popular and which have gained for him the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. Moreover, he is a self-made man, for from the age of twelve years he



has been dependent upon his own resources. His father was the first blacksmith of Hastings and when his parents left this district Charles H. Hudson largely earned his living by farm work, which he followed through the summer months, attending school as opportunity offered in the winter seasons. Thus gradually he worked his way upward and in the course of years reached the position which he now occupies as a representative citizen of his native county.

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### JESSE LEW TEMPLETON.

Jesse Lew Templeton, a well known real estate and insurance dealer of Kenesaw, was born on the 12th of May, 1870, in Butler county, Pennsylvania. His father, Thomas Templeton, who was born also in that state October 6, 1839, received the education common at the time of his boyhood and on beginning his business career devoted some time to clerking and later worked in the oil fields. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and participated in a number of engagements, including the battles of Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Mary's Heights, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and Mine Run. After the close of hostilities he went to Illinois, where he clerked for a time and then returned to Pennsylvania, where he served as county clerk of Butler county. Subsequently he engaged in merchandising there but in 1881 he removed to Topeka, Kansas, and after clerking there for two years came to Kenesaw, Nebraska. He purchased a quarter section of fine land three miles north of the town and devoted eleven months to its cultivation, after which he sold the place. He then went again to Topeka but a year later returned to Kenesaw and again purchased land in this county. For four years he served as postmaster of Kenesaw but at length he removed westward, settling at Hood River, Oregon, where for two years he operated a fruit ranch. Subsequently he engaged in the real estate business at Long Beach, California, and there he passed away on the 18th of August, 1915. His friends were many and there was sincere grief at his demise. He was a republican in politics, was connected with Kenesaw Lodge, No. 144, A. F. & A. M., and with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and his religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church. He never ceased to enjoy meeting his comrades of the war and was a loyal member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was married October 6, 1868, to Miss Maria Ann Hutchison, also a



native of Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of four children, of whom our subject is the only one surviving.

Jesse L. Templeton received a good education and was graduated from the Topeka, Kansas, high school in 1888, after which he engaged in farming in this county for a considerable period. For a number of years, however, he has resided in Kenesaw and has won a place among the leading business men of the town, being very active in the real estate and insurance field. He studies the various phases of those lines of business carefully, keeps in close touch with local business conditions and has gained a large clientage.

Mr. Templeton was married in 1891 to Miss Lettie Latta, by whom he has three children, namely: Robert Bruce, Faye and Fern. Mr. Templeton casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party and is well known fraternally, belonging to Kenesaw Lodge, No. 29, K. P., Kenesaw Lodge, No. 231, I. O. O. F., and the Royal Highlanders. He has not only gained a gratifying measure of prosperity but he also holds in full degree the respect of those who have been associated with him.

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#### C. D. HOFF.

C. D. Hoff, who is engaged in the cleaning and dyeing business at Hastings, building up a good trade by reason of excellence of work and straightforward dealing, was born in Russia on the 18th of August, 1879, of German parentage, being a son of Conrad and Madeline Hoff. His father followed the occupation of farming in Russia until the year 1903, when he brought his family to the United States. He made his way at once into the interior of the country, settling at Hastings, where both he and his wife now reside. In the family were eight children, five sons and three daughters.

C. D. Hoff, the fourth in order of birth, was educated in the schools of his native land and after coming to the new world learned the cleaning and dyeing business. He embarked in business on his own account at the age of twenty-one years, starting in a very modest way and gradually increasing his trade and his facilities until he now has the largest establishment of the kind in the county, employing five people and utilizing an automobile for the collection and delivery of goods. He has the patronage of Hastings' leading people and the establishment is a valuable asset to the business interests of the city. He occupies both the lower and upper floors of the building at 806

West Second street, with a cleaning department in the rear supplied with all modern improvements. He has made excellence of work the basis of his growing trade and is meeting with gratifying success.

On the 21st of April, 1900, Mr. Hoff was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Burngard, a daughter of Henry Burngard. They have two children, Robert and Neoma. Mr. Hoff belongs to the German Congregational church and fraternally is a chapter Mason, exemplifying in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. In politics he regards the capability of the man rather than his party affiliation. He turns to fishing and hunting for recreation, but the major part of his time is given to his business affairs and his concentration and energy constitute the salient factors in his growing trade. He has worked hard, his labors have been intelligently directed and his efforts are now bringing to him gratifying success.

### JAMES D. McFERREN.

Among the retired farmers of Juniata is James D. McFerren, who was born at Mount Alton, Pennsylvania, March 24, 1845, a son of James and Lena (Kuhn) McFerren, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state, where they were reared and married. The father was a teacher in the public schools and remained a resident of Pennsylvania until his death, which occurred in 1849. In the family were but two children, James and Clara, the latter now deceased.

In the schools of Pennsylvania, James D. McFerren pursued his education and when quite young began to earn his own livelihood. He is a self-made man in the truest and best sense of the term, having depended entirely upon his own resources for material advancement from his early youth. He was but seventeen years of age when on the 8th of August, 1862, he responded to the country's call for troops and went to the front for nine months' service. At the end of that time he was honorably discharged July 14, 1863. Later he again joined the army, becoming a member of Company D, Twenty-first Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he remained for six months, being discharged July 8, 1865. He was captured at Farnville but was released three days later on account of the close of the war. He was on duty with the Army of the Potomac, serving as corporal a part of the time, and he participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Antietam, together with others of lesser importance.

When his military service was ended Mr. McFerren returned to

Pennsylvania, where he remained for about two years, when he removed to Goshen, Indiana, there spending three years. In 1870 he became a resident of Marshalltown, Iowa, and in that locality was engaged in farming until 1883. Later he came to Nebraska, settling on section 11, Juniata township, Adams county, where he continued to engage in farming until he took up his abode in the town about twenty-one years ago. Here he owns a fine residence and he is also the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of good land in Perkins county. His business affairs have ever been carefully managed and while upon the farm he was regarded as a very progressive agriculturist, wide-awake, alert and enterprising. He brought his fields to a high state of cultivation and carefully and persistently carried on his work, his labors bringing to him a gratifying measure of success.

In 1867 Mr. McFerren was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Liveringhouse, by whom he has seven children, as follows: William, who is a resident of Kenesaw, Nebraska; Louie, living in Juniata, this state; Frank, who was killed by lightning; Charles, a resident of Grand Island, Nebraska; May, who is the wife of R. L. Workman, of Holdredge, Nebraska; Belle, living in Denver, Colorado; and Winnie, at home.

The parents are members of the Brethren or Dunkard church and were among the organizers of the congregation. They are people of the highest respectability and they enjoy the goodwill and confidence of all who know them. For a third of a century they have been residents of this county and have therefore been witnesses of much of its growth and improvement.

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### WILLIAM I. MAYS.

William I. Mays, a well known and efficient farmer, is now assisting his brother David with the operation of his farm a half mile southwest of Trumbull. Our subject was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, on the 4th of March, 1866, a son of G. W. and Julia M. (Kearns) Mays, further mention of whom appears in the sketch of David Mays. He received good educational advantages, graduating from the high school at Warsaw, Indiana, and during his youth he also learned much concerning the various phases of farm work. He remained on the home place until he was nineteen years of age and then hired out to others, continuing as a farm hand for three years. In March, 1890, in company with his mother, brother and sister, he

came to Adams county and all made their home with David Mays, who had taken up his residence in this county two years previously. Mr. Mays of this review worked by the month for three years, after which he was married and began farming for himself, renting land nine miles northeast of Hastings. After operating that place for two years he removed to his brother's farm a half mile south of Trumbull and remained there for five years. Following the demise of his wife in 1901 he went east, where he worked for a year, but in 1902 he returned to Adams county and for six years followed the barber's trade. At the end of that time he again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and is now aiding his brother in farming his place near Trumbull.

Mr. Mays was married on the 7th of March, 1894, to Grace F. Randall, a daughter of F. R. Randall, who resided near Trumbull. Mrs. Mays passed away on the 20th of March, 1901. She was the mother of four children, as follows: Claude E., who was born on the 11th of September, 1896, and is now attending high school at Trumbull; Leo C., who was born October 25, 1897, and is also a high-school student; Leslie Ward, who was born in February, 1899, and died in infancy; and David William, whose birth occurred on the 5th of February, 1901, and who, following the death of his mother when he was six weeks old, was adopted by William Randall, a real-estate agent of Trenton, Nebraska.

Mr. Mays gives his political allegiance to the democratic party where national issues are at stake, but at local elections votes independently. He holds membership in the Christian church. He is well known throughout the county and is recognized as an able farmer, a good citizen and a man of high moral principles.

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#### JOSEPH W. PLUMMER.

There are many successful farmers in Adams county, among whom is numbered Joseph W. Plummer, of West Blue township. He was born near Sterling, in Whiteside county, Illinois, on the 10th of February, 1855, but when two years of age was taken by his parents to Marshall county, Iowa, where he attended the common schools. Subsequently he was a student in Friend's Academy at Marshalltown and he remained upon the home farm with his parents until he was twenty-seven years of age. In 1880 the family removed to Burt county, Nebraska, and there his parents passed away. After



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farming for nine years in that county Mr. Plummer of this review removed to Dawes county and resided on a ranch there until 1901. In that year he came to Adams county and purchased the John Owens homestead about three miles northeast of Hastings, where he now lives. He is a practical and up-to-date farmer, and his industry has enabled him to accumulate more than a competence. In 1910 he rented his farm and removed to Hastings, but in the spring of 1915 he returned to the farm.

Mr. Plummer was married in Iowa in 1880 to Miss Rhoda Mote, of Marshall county, Iowa, whose parents subsequently removed to Dawes county, Nebraska. Five children have been born to this union as follows: Mae C., who was born in 1882, is now the wife of Charles A. Smith, an insurance agent of Sioux City, Iowa, and has two children. Harry M., born in 1883, is a plumber of Chadron, Nebraska, and he married Mae Hart, of Edgar, Nebraska. Ada L., whose birth occurred in 1886, married George M. Drollinger, a son of M. H. Drollinger, a pioneer settler of Adams county. George M. Drollinger is a collection agent in Spokane, Washington, and on the 2d of July, 1915, was called upon to mourn the death of his wife. They were the parents of four children. Norman C., born in 1888, is engaged in farming at Hinton, Iowa. Roy, born in 1890, is farming at Meckling, South Dakota. He married Grace Kohlman, of Hastings, Nebraska, a daughter of L. H. Kohlman, a pioneer of this county, and they have two children.

Mr. Plummer supports the democratic party at the polls, as he believes in its principles, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. In 1911 he took an extensive trip through Europe, the Holy Land and Egypt and derived much pleasure and profit from his travels. He is a man of keen intelligence and keeps well informed on all questions and issues of the day. He has won financial success and has also gained a high place in the regard of his fellow citizens and ranks as a substantial resident of his township.

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## L. PHILLIPS.

L. Phillips, proprietor of the Bostwick Hotel at Hastings, conducted on the European plan, has in the course of his business career made steady advancement and the steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible. The faithful performance of each day's duties has

brought him strength and power for the labors of the succeeding day and his ability has grown through the exercise of effort. Thus it is that he has come to a place among the substantial business men of his adopted city. Mr. Phillips is a native of Nebraska, his birth having occurred in Furnas county on the 14th of December, 1879, his parents being Caliph and Sarah Phillips, who in the year 1866 came to this state and for a year resided in Plattsmouth before removing to Furnas county, where the father homesteaded land, securing both a preemption and a timber claim. Year after year he carefully tilled the soil until the once wild prairie was converted into a valuable farm, on which he continued to make his home until about seven years ago, when he retired from active business life. When he settled upon the old homestead he was surrounded by Indians, for the red men were then more numerous in that section of the country than the white settlers. There were many hardships and privations to be borne and dangers to be faced, but with resolute spirit the family faced the conditions of frontier life and lived to see a remarkable change and profit by the improved conditions. In the family were four sons and two daughters, of whom L. Phillips is the fourth in order of birth. The youngest son is now operating the old homestead. At the time of the Civil war the father joined the army, serving for four years and twenty days in the West Virginia Cavalry.

L. Phillips, whose name introduces this review, was reared amid the wild scenes and conditions of frontier life. His education was acquired in one of the primitive schoolhouses of Furnas county, it being partly a dugout and partly a sod structure. School was held only through the winter seasons, for during the remainder of the year the labors of the children were usually required in farm work. Mr. Phillips remained at home until he reached the age of sixteen years, but, thinking to find other pursuits more congenial than the work of the fields, he then began learning the barber's trade, which he followed for three years in the employ of others and afterward for several years on his own account. In 1903 he removed to Adams county, settling first at Juniata, where he engaged in business, and in February, 1911, he removed to Hastings and took charge of the Bostwick Hotel, of which he has since been the proprietor. This hotel is conducted on the European plan and he furnishes employment to twenty people. He has made it a popular hostelry, liberally patronized, and his capable management is resulting in the attainment of success. He is also the owner of farm lands and of real estate in Hastings, having made judicious investments in property, which return to him a gratifying annual income.



In religious faith Mr. Phillips is a Catholic. He belongs to the Travelers' Protective Association, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and to the Commercial Club. He enjoys hunting big game and makes long trips for this purpose. He has one of the finest collections of mounted big game to be seen in the west, having been offered thirty-thousand dollars for this collection, which, however, he refused. In politics he is independent, holding to men and measures rather than to party, and, while he does not seek nor desire office, he is never remiss in the duties of citizenship, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which are wisely and systematically directed. He has attractive social qualities which have won for him popularity and those who know him entertain for him high esteem.

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### CHARLES HENRY DIETRICH.

Distinguished among Nebraska's eminent sons is Charles Henry Dietrich, whose record reflects credit and honor upon the state which has honored him. In business circles he figured prominently for many years as a leading banker and in other connections he has left the impress of his individuality upon the history of the commonwealth, for he has been Nebraska's chief executive and has also been a member of the United States senate. His course in office, as in private life, has been creditable to himself and satisfactory to his constituents and his work has at all times been fraught with good for the community at large. A native of Illinois, Mr. Dietrich was born in Aurora on the 26th of November, 1853, his parents being Leonard and Wilhelmina (Stein) Dietrich, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father, who was born in Darmstadt, died at the advanced age of eighty-six years, and the mother, whose birth occurred at Frankfort, passed away at the age of eighty years. He was a shoe manufacturer and followed that business in Germany until the time of the revolution of 1848. He belonged to the socialist party, joined the revolutionists and was driven from Germany. He then went to Canada, from which point he proceeded by slow stages down through the United States to St. Louis, where he met his wife and family, who had come by sailing vessel to the new world, arriving after a voyage of three months or in the year 1849. Mr. Dietrich then took his family to Aurora, Illinois, where he became connected with the shoe business. He was a well educated man and a most interesting conversationalist and he taught both German and French in the schools

of Aurora, where he continued to reside throughout his remaining days, taking an active interest in the affairs of the city and enjoying the fruits of liberty as offered in the new world.

Charles Henry Dietrich attended school in Aurora to the age of ten years, when he ran away from home, possessing the venturesome spirit that many a boy manifests. The following year he returned home and then went to school until he reached the age of twelve. Again leaving Aurora, he made his way to St. Joseph, Missouri, and for three years occupied a position as clerk in the hardware store of W. M. Wyeth. In 1868 he went to Chicago, where he engaged with the Hayden Kay Saddlery & Hardware Company until their business was destroyed by the great fire of 1871. He then entered the service of the Chicago City Railroad Company as inspector but after having trouble with a conductor went to St. Louis, where he worked as a conductor on the street railroad for a short time. Later he was at Memphis, Tennessee, where he drove a horse car until quarantined with yellow fever. After his release he made his way to Laconia Circle, Arkansas, with the intention of going into business there on his own account, but he was robbed of his money. Returning to Aurora, he worked at the blacksmith's trade until 1875, when he made his way to the Black Hills. At that time the city of Deadwood was not laid out and the district was still an Indian reservation. He cut logs used in the building of the first store there and, working for a pioneer firm, he delivered goods on pack mules all over the Black Hills. One of the party located in Spearfish, South Dakota, and traded his interest in the town site for a gold watch. Mr. Dietrich located the Aurora mine in Hidden Treasure Gulch and worked the mine for a short time, after which he sold out to a syndicate composed of United States Senators George E. Spencer, Thomas Platt and Roscoe Conkling. He then returned to Aurora and in 1878 made his way to Texas, where he had a big herd of sheep near San Antonio.

In the fall of 1878 Mr. Dietrich came to Hastings, where he engaged in general merchandising with John Wood, the first mayor of the city. In 1880 he turned his attention to the hardware business, forming a partnership with J. B. Dallas, with whom he remained for a year. In 1881 he opened a loan and insurance office as senior partner in the firm of Dietrich & Slaker, their relation being maintained for about six years or until 1887, when Mr. Dietrich organized the German National Bank, remaining as its president for eighteen years or until July, 1905. He placed that institution upon a safe, substantial basis, inaugurated a progressive policy that worked for the upbuilding of the bank and at the same time carefully safeguarded the interests

of depositors. Throughout the long years of his residence in Hastings Mr. Dietrich has taken a most active and helpful part in promoting the upbuilding of the city and advancing its interests in many ways. For several years he was the president of the Board of Trade and he took an active part in inducing the Northwestern and Missouri Pacific Railroads to build their lines through Hastings. He has ever been a leader in movements for the benefit of the city and surrounding country. He it was who planted the first timothy and clover field in the county and also the first alfalfa field, and at one time he was the owner of large farm holdings in Adams county. He recognized the opportunity for judicious investment and so placed his capital that excellent results accrued.

Mr. Dietrich has been twice married. On the 4th of May, 1878, he wedded Miss Elizabeth Slaker, of Aurora, who passed away in February, 1887. Their daughter, Gertrude E., is the wife of Herbert Knox Smith, a well known supporter of Theodore Roosevelt who served as commissioner of corporations at Washington from 1907 to 1912, has been a member of the Connecticut house of representatives, was a candidate for United States senator and has also been candidate for governor on the progressive ticket. In 1909 Mr. Dietrich was again married, his second union being with Miss Margretta S. Stewart, of Philadelphia, a daughter of William Shaw and Delia (Allman) Stewart. The Stewarts were of an old Scotch family established in the United States in 1749. Her father was a leading physician of Philadelphia who was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College there. In 1861 he enlisted in the army and served throughout the Civil war. Following the close of hostilities he returned to Philadelphia and began practice, being recognized as a prominent and honored representative of the profession in that city. He was one of the most prominent members of the Philadelphia Medical Society and he was the one who introduced the four years' course in the Philadelphia College of Medicine. He was dean of its medical department and in that connection maintained the highest standard of professional ethics. Three times he was sent as a delegate to the International Medical Society. Mrs. Dietrich is very active in all civic and social affairs of Hastings. She is president of "Sunnyside," an institution for the care of the old, the destitute and the needy, was one of the organizers and the president of the Adams County Woman's Suffrage Association and is a member of the state board of the Suffrage Association.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Dietrich is a prominent Mason, having taken the consistory degrees of the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In politics he

has ever been an earnest republican and has come more and more into prominence with the passing years as his opinions have carried weight in party councils and his efforts have proven effective in promoting political successes. He was elected governor of Nebraska in 1900 after the state had been under democratic and populistic rule for eight years. He was chosen on the 28th of March, 1901, to fill out the unexpired term of Senator Hayward and therefore resigned his position as governor on the 1st of May following, after which he continued to represent the state in the United States senate from December 21, 1901, until March 4, 1905. In the latter year he retired from all activity, business, political and otherwise, but the state is still enjoying the benefits of his public service and of his business activity, for he set in motion the wheels of progress and the results have not yet reached their full fruition. His record is an indication of what may be accomplished through the employment of opportunities when laudable ambition and determination point out the way, and his life history should have its inspirational effect upon the lives of others, encouraging them to continued effort toward the attainment of high ideals.

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### FREDERICK J. HALLER.

During the later years of his life Frederick J. Haller was a resident of Kenesaw and enjoyed the respect, confidence and goodwill of all who knew him there, as he had in various other localities in which he had made his home. He was of foreign birth but America had no more loyal nor devoted citizen among her native sons. It sometimes seems that men born under monarchical rule have an even higher appreciation of the opportunities and privileges afforded under a republican form of government than those who have always enjoyed them, as they judge their condition in contrast to what they have formerly known, and Mr. Haller was among those who proved his patriotic devotion to America by valiant service in the Civil war.

He was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 11, 1832, a son of John and Eva Catherine (Frone) Haller. The father, a man of great intelligence, devoted his life to the profession of teaching. Frederick J. Haller was reared in his native country to the age of seventeen years and was liberally educated, displaying particular skill in mathematics. Crossing the Atlantic in 1849, he landed at New York, where he made his home for two years, after which he removed

westward to Wisconsin and later to Michigan, where he engaged in farming and lumbering. Subsequently he removed to Huron county, Ohio, where he was living at the outbreak of the Civil war. In response to the country's call for troops he offered his services to the government, enlisting as a private of Company A, One Hundred and First Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He left a wife and small children to go to the front, feeling that he owed a duty to his adopted country in aiding in her preservation. He took part in a number of hotly contested engagements and with his command entered the field at Chickamauga, where he was shot on the 19th of September, 1863. On the 13th of November the first lieutenant of his company, Benjamin F. Bryant, then commanding the regiment, wrote Mrs. Haller: "Our regiment went into action on Saturday, September 19th, at about 11 o'clock A. M. At first we lay down in front of the battery, placed on an eminence behind us, which shelled the woods in our immediate front where the enemy were. Then we rose up and advanced to the edge of the woods where we became engaged. It was almost noon, and while we were engaged near the edge of the woods your husband was shot through the body by a musket ball and fell dead. We were driven from the first position and never regained it. At sundown the fighting had ceased. Our skirmishers were full forty rods from the place of which I speak and we could not get beyond there as the rebels were in the woods and shooting at every one who approached. On Sunday the fighting was near Chattanooga and as we left the field Sunday night and fell back to Rossville, and Monday night went to Chattanooga, we know nothing of those who fell in the fight. Everything your husband had was about his person and of course lost. I most sincerely sympathize with you in your irreparable loss. I bear testimony to the good conduct of your husband as a soldier under all circumstances. I am, Yours very truly, Benjamin F. Bryant, 1st Lieut. Comdg. Company A, 101st O. V. I."

Such was the account which reached Mrs. Haller but fate had not been thus unkind to the family, for many years more of active and useful life remained to Mr. Haller. As his commander had stated, he was struck by a musket ball which entered just below the left eye, passed through it and came out the back of the neck but though left for dead, life was not extinct. He lay all night on the battlefield, was captured and kept in the open. He was afterward for fifteen months in prisons at Richmond, Danville, Andersonville and Florence and was paroled in December, 1864. He then rejoined his regiment and was mustered out with his command.

When his military service was over Mr. Haller returned to Huron

county, Ohio, and in 1865 went to Michigan, where he engaged in farming until 1888. He then went to Clarke county, Iowa, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1905, when he became a resident of Kenesaw, Nebraska, there spending his remaining days.

It was on the 17th of March, 1856, that Mr. Haller was married to Miss Frances L. Stevens, of Berrien county, Michigan. She was born in Huron county, Ohio, September 4, 1837, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Stevens. She traces her ancestry back to the Revolutionary war period, her great-grandfather having served as a captain in the conflict to establish American independence. On the paternal side the family was represented in the War of 1812. To Mr. and Mrs. Haller were born seven children: Mary H., the wife of J. M. Russell, of Kenesaw; Emma F., who is deceased; Martha B., who has also passed away; Almeria G., who died at the age of nineteen months; John F., who is in the general offices of the Union Pacific Railroad Company at Omaha; Ernest L., deceased; and Romaine W., who is engaged in farming at Elk Head, Colorado.

The family are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church, to which Mr. Haller belonged, and he guided his life by its teachings. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he held membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. He died August 9, 1915, and in passing on left a memory honored and revered by all who knew him. Once more from B. F. Bryant came a word of sympathy and condolence, such as he had written when, more than a half century before, he believed he was sending to the widow the news of her husband's death upon a southern battlefield. Mrs. Haller was sent a Resolution of Respect, reading:

"When sounds the last assembly  
And the guard has gone the round,  
May we pitch our tents together on  
Some happier camping ground.

"It becomes our duty as members of the One Hundred and First Ohio Volunteer Infantry, to record the death of Comrade Frederick J. Haller, a member of Company A, who entered the service of his country August 4, 1862. He was wounded in the battle of Chickamauga, Georgia, September 19, 1863, was captured and spent fifteen months in Confederate prisons, paroled and rejoined his command, December, 1864, served to the close of the war, and was mustered out with his company, June 12, 1865.

"Resolved, That in the death of Comrade Haller we have lost out

of our ranks a noble hero, loyal, brave and true; his country a peaceable, law-abiding citizen and a good man; his family, to whom we tender the love and sympathy of all our comrades, a devoted husband and father.

"Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to his family at Kenesaw, Nebraska; also, a copy filed with the Association records.

"A. C. KNAPP	} Committee."
"B. F. BRYANT	
"MILES E. CARTWRIGHT	

For ten years Mr. Haller had been a resident of Kenesaw and during that period had gained a firm hold upon the affectionate regard and goodwill of his fellow townsmen who appreciated his sterling worth and his fidelity to principle. He held friendship inviolable and was a devoted husband and father, counting it his greatest happiness to provide for his wife and children and in every way promote their interests.

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### LEOPOLD HEMBERGER.

Leopold Hemberger, who has gained success as a farmer and now owns two hundred and forty acres of good land in Juniata township, was born in Baden, Germany, on the 5th of December, 1863. His parents, Constantin and Agnes (Hemberger) Hemberger, were also born in that country, where they passed their entire lives. The father died when our subject was but three years of age and the mother when he was a young man of twenty-five years. They were the parents of eleven children: Sigmond, who is living in Sangamon county, Illinois; Gallus, a resident of Adams county, Nebraska; Emil, a resident of White Lake, South Dakota; Edward and August, both of whom are deceased; Katie and Bertha, both of whom are residing in Germany; Charlotte, Amelia and Mary, all of whom are deceased; and Leopold, the youngest of the family.

Leopold Hemberger attended school in Germany for eight years and received a most thorough training. As is customary there he went to school on Saturday as well as on the other week days and had only six weeks' vacation in the entire year. As a youth he learned the shoemaker's trade and subsequently when seventeen years of age emigrated to the United States, making his way at once to Springfield, Illinois. He there found work as a farm hand and was so employed



for three and a half years, after which he came to Adams county, Nebraska. He had saved his money carefully and was able to purchase a farm in Cottonwood township, which he operated successfully until 1904. In that year he removed to his present place on section 7, Juniata township, and in the intervening twelve years has made many improvements upon the farm, which comprises two hundred and forty acres of excellent land. He understands thoroughly the various phases of agriculture and derives a good financial return from his labors.

When twenty-three years of age Mr. Hemberger was united in marriage in Hastings, Nebraska, to Miss Elizabeth Fabry, by whom he has ten children, namely: John, who is farming in Cottonwood township, this county; Henry, an agriculturist of Roseland township; Anna, the wife of Charles Kaiser, of Roseland township; Leo, at home; Teresa, who is keeping house for her brother Henry; and Ehardt, Francis, Frank, Joseph and Albert, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Hemberger supports the democratic party at the polls but has never taken a very active part in political affairs. He and his family are members of the Roman Catholic church, to the support of which they contribute. He began his career without capital other than his energy, good judgment and determination to succeed and these qualities have enabled him to gain a competence and have also won him the respect and esteem of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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### STEPHEN FABER.

Stephen Faber has made many improvements upon his farm on section 28, Juniata township, and is recognized as a substantial citizen of his community. He was born in the grand duchy of Luxemburg on the 13th of May, 1865, of the marriage of Peter and Elizabeth (Kertz) Faber, who passed their entire lives in that country. They were the parents of six children, namely: John Peter, a resident of Luxemburg; Peter, deceased; Harry and Elizabeth, both of whom are living in Luxemburg; Stephen; and Susan, a resident of Paris, France.

Stephen Faber received a good education in the schools of his native land and remained at home until he was seventeen years of age. He then began working for others and so continued in Luxemburg for six years. At the end of that time he emigrated to the United States as he desired to take advantage of the opportunities offered



by a comparatively new country. He located at Maryville, Missouri, where he worked for a few months, after which he removed to Holdredge, Nebraska. Not long afterward he arrived in Hastings and for three years worked as a farm hand in that vicinity. During the ten years following he operated rented land and carefully saved his money with the view of purchasing a farm. At length his ambition was realized and he bought a good tract of land in Ayr township, on which he lived for nine years and during that time brought the place to a high state of development. He next purchased his present farm of one hundred and forty acres on section 28, Juniata township, and is devoting his energies to its operation. He seldom fails to harvest good crops and also gives some attention to raising high grade stock and finds both branches of his business profitable.

In 1890 Mr. Faber was united in marriage to Miss Susanna David and they have become the parents of nine children, namely: John, Anna C., Mary M., Pauline S., Peter N., William N., Albert P., Gertrude A. and Irena A., all at home.

The democratic party has a stalwart supporter and advocate in Mr. Faber but he has been too busy with his business interests to take an active part in politics. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Columbus at Hastings and he and his wife are communicants of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Faber deserves much credit for what he has accomplished as when he came to this country a young man of twenty-three years he was practically empty-handed and, moreover, did not understand the customs of the people. He has always worked hard and has managed his affairs well and is now the owner of a good farm and also a stockholder in the Roseland Elevator. He has not only won financial success but he has also gained the sincere respect of those with whom he has had dealings and there are many who are his warm friends.

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### EZRA E. SCHULTZ.

Ezra E. Schultz is one of the active business men of Hastings, prominent, enterprising and progressive. He is the manager of an extensive commercial enterprise conducted under the name of Stephen Schultz, his partners in the undertaking being Stephen and Harry E. Schultz of Hastings and Walter C. Schultz, of Kenesaw. They are dealers in agricultural implements, vehicles, harness and automobiles and maintain a chain of houses in this part of the state so that their

trade covers a wide territory. Ezra E. Schultz is a most progressive young man, wide-awake, alert and determined in what he undertakes, and the record of his success should serve to inspire and encourage others. He was born in Toledo, Ohio, on the 23d of July, 1881, and is a son of Stephen and Johanna (Martin) Schultz. The family came to Nebraska in 1887, settling first at Kenesaw, where the father engaged in the blacksmith business, his activities along that line continuing for several years, after which he extended the scope of his labors, becoming a dealer in agricultural implements in 1892. He remained in business at Kenesaw until 1907, when he removed to Hastings, opening an establishment at Second and Burlington streets. In 1910 he erected a fine business block containing twelve hundred square feet of floor space and two stories in height. In 1913 the garage was built, sixty by one hundred and twenty-five feet—a fireproof structure. They conduct a retail business, handling the Paige, Grant and Velie cars.

Ezra E. Schultz was educated in the Kenesaw high school, the parents giving liberal educational advantages to their children, who were ten in number. Ezra E. Schultz is the eldest of the six who are yet living. He spent his youthful days under the parental roof and has always been associated with his father in business and under his direction received his business training. Three of the sons are now partners in this undertaking and aside from the main establishment at Hastings they have seven branch houses in Nebraska, situated at Juniata, Kenesaw, Heartwell, Holstein, Prosser, Giltner and Rosemont. They carry the goods of the John Deere Plow Company and handle all kinds of agricultural implements, harness and vehicles, being able to supply to the trade all that the best markets afford.

Ezra E. Schultz was united in marriage to Miss Ona Blythe, a daughter of A. B. Blythe, on the 12th of September, 1906, and they have one son, Dale. In religious faith the parents are Methodists and are liberal and generous supporters of the church. Mr. Schultz also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is likewise a member of the Commercial Club and is interested in all that has to do with the up-building and progress of his city. In politics he is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but has never sought nor held public office. He enjoys motoring and hunting and is fond of outdoor life, turning thereto for needed recreation from the cares of an onerous and growing business. It is true that he entered upon a business already established, but in controlling and enlarging this many a man of less resolute spirit would have failed,

and his course demonstrates that success is not a matter of genius as held by some but is rather the outcome of sound judgment and experience, supplemented by unfaltering industry.

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### DIRK H. STROMER.

Dirk H. Stromer was one of the pioneer settlers of Hanover township, Adams county, and, although he had many obstacles to overcome, he persevered and succeeded in gaining financial independence. His demise, which occurred in Hastings, October 24, 1914, was deeply regretted by his many friends. A native of Germany, he was born in 1846 and remained in that country until 1866, when he accompanied his parents, Richard and Elizabeth Stromer, on their emigration to the new world. They located in Woodford county, Illinois, where the father rented land, and Dirk H. Stromer worked as a farm hand for three years, after which he was married and began farming on his own account, renting land for six years. In 1875 he came to Adams county, Nebraska, and the following year his parents also removed here and from that time until their deaths made their home with him. He purchased railroad land in Hanover township and at once began its cultivation and improvement. There were the usual hardships of pioneer life to be encountered, conveniences were few and there was much hard work to be done, but as the years passed he had the satisfaction of seeing his farm brought to a higher state of development and of knowing that its value was constantly increasing. From time to time he purchased other land, owning in all one thousand five hundred acres. He followed general farming, raising both grain and stock, until January, 1906, when he retired from active life and took up his residence in Hastings, where his demise occurred on the 24th of October, 1914.

Mr. Stromer was married May 3, 1868, in Illinois to Miss Johanna Williams, a daughter of John and Mattie Williams, natives of Germany, where the father passed away. The mother subsequently removed to the United States and died in Woodford county, Illinois, where she is buried. Mr. and Mrs. Stromer became the parents of eight children. Alma, who was born on the 23d of November, 1870, in Illinois, gave her hand in marriage to Wyatt Meester, a son of John and Jennie Meester, of Hanover township, and they have five children. Eliza, who was born on the 12th of February, 1873, in Illinois, is the wife of Sam Yeatman, who is farming in Hanover township,

Adams county, and they have three children. Johann, who was born in Adams county on the 15th of February, 1876, and is now living in Home City, Kansas, married Matilda Arnast and has two children. George was born on the 7th of October, 1878, and is now engaged in farming in Hanover township. He married Anna Kohl, by whom he has three children. Andrew, whose birth occurred on the 31st of May, 1881, and who is living in Hanover township, married Kate Meester and has three children. Henry, who was born on the 17th of September, 1883, and is now a resident of Hastings, married Lulu Kohl. William was born on the 26th of December, 1885, and is engaged in farming in Hanover township. He married Sarah Hardenstein and they have five children. Edward, who was born on the 14th of November, 1888, married Elsie Sabbal and resides in Hanover township.

Mr. Stromer supported the democratic party at the polls and served acceptably in a number of township offices. His religious faith was that of the Evangelical Lutheran church and he helped to build the house of worship. His success was due to his determination, his untiring industry and his good management and all who knew him recognized in him a citizen of sterling worth. His widow, who is well and favorably known in Hastings, resides at No. 310 West Fourth street.

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### DAVID MAYS.

David Mays has resided upon his farm in West Blue township for many years and has gained recognition as an efficient and energetic agriculturist. He was born in Wood county, Ohio, on the 26th of November, 1852, but when he was four years old was taken by his parents to Mercer county, Illinois, the journey being made by wagon. The father rented a farm there and devoted his time and attention to its operation for eight years. Subsequent to his demise his widow removed with her children to Kosciusko county, Indiana.

David Mays received but a limited education as it was necessary for him to go to work when he was quite young. He was employed as a farm hand until he was twenty-three years of age, when he began renting land, so continuing until 1887. In the spring of 1888 he came to Adams county, Nebraska, and settled upon his present farm in West Blue township, which he had purchased from the railroad several years previously. Two years later, in the spring of 1890, his mother, sister and two brothers also came to this county and made

their home with him for a time. The mother passed away in 1899 and the other members of the family married and established homes of their own. Mr. Mays has brought his farm to a high state of development and the excellent condition in which everything is kept testifies to his energy and good management. He concentrates his energies upon the cultivation of his land and derives a substantial income from his labors.

Mr. Mays supports the democratic party at the polls but has never taken a very active part in public affairs. His religious faith is that of the Christian church. He has worked hard since boyhood and has not only gained a competence for himself but also provided for his brothers and sister until they were able to take care of themselves. His many sterling qualities have commended him to the warm regard and the respect of those who have come into contact with him and he is one of the valued residents of his township.

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### WILLIAM R. DUER.

Death often removes from our midst those whom we can ill afford to lose and such was the feeling in Adams county when William R. Duer passed to the home beyond. He was born at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 12th of May, 1836, and in the maternal line came from Scotch ancestry. He left Louisiana when his mother died and made his way to the home of an uncle in Cincinnati, Ohio, after which he pursued his education in the schools of that city. He later removed to Illinois and turned his attention to farming, following general agricultural pursuits in that state for some years. In 1893 he arrived in Hastings, Nebraska, after which he lived retired, enjoying a well earned rest. He had previously invested in farm lands in Illinois and he continued the owner of property in that state up to the time of his demise. In business affairs his judgment was sound and his indefatigable industry won him the success which ultimately crowned his efforts and made him one of the well-to-do residents of Hastings.

On May 9, 1861, Mr. Duer was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Brown, a daughter of Bedford and Caroline Brown, of Kentucky. Their wedding was celebrated in Illinois and to them were born several children: Robert H., who was employed as engineer in the state capitol of Illinois; Caroline A.; William S., who is engaged in fruit raising in Oregon; John S., who is connected with the Stitt garage

of Hastings; Charles B., living in New York city; and Bessie L., who became the wife of John B. Klein and died on the 24th of May, 1911. There are also five grandchildren.

The death of the husband and father occurred February 28, 1911, and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Hastings. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and his political indorsement was given to the republican party but he never sought nor desired office of any kind, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and perform his public duties as a private citizen. He left to his family not only a comfortable competence but also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name, which, according to the wise man of old "is better to be chosen than great riches." Mrs. Duer still survives her husband and is now in her seventy-fifth year. She is well known in Hastings, where she makes her home and where she has a large circle of warm friends.

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#### REV. HERMAN F. RAMELOW.

Rev. Herman F. Ramelow, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran church of the Missouri synod at Kenesaw, is doing effective work for the moral advancement of his community and the upbuilding of his church and is held in high esteem. He was born on the 28th of February, 1887, in Cook county, Illinois, a son of Herman and Magdalena (Stiegemeyer) Ramelow, who are now residents of Thayer county, Nebraska.

Rev. Herman F. Ramelow attended a parochial school in St. Louis and also the parochial and public schools near Brazilton, Kansas. He prepared for the ministry in Concordia College, at Springfield, Illinois, graduating from the theological course in 1911. His first charge was at Columbia, Illinois, where he remained for two years, but in 1913 he came to Kenesaw, where he has since remained. He is not only zealous in promoting the spiritual growth of the church but is also capable in furthering its material interests, and he has the hearty cooperation of his parishioners in carrying on the various phases of church work. His influence has also been strongly felt in the community at large and he is always ready to support any movement which seeks to advance the cause of right and justice.

Rev. Ramelow was married on the 28th of December, 1911, to Miss Cornelia Miessler, of Carlinville, Illinois, and they have a daughter, Ruth. He takes a keen interest in public affairs and is a



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careful student of the political questions and issues of the day. He votes independently, as he believes that by so doing he can best serve the public welfare.

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### WILLIAM MADGETT.

William Madgett, mayor of Hastings and recognized as one of the prominent representatives of the republican party in Nebraska, has been well known in the business circles of his city for a number of years as a prominent real estate dealer, handling important property interests. He is a native son of New York, his birth having occurred in Broome county on the 9th of July, 1878, his parents being James and Mary Madgett, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. During his youthful days he was brought to the west and he supplemented his district school training by further study in the schools of Hastings. He began earning his living by selling papers on the streets and, like many another self-made man, has risen to prominence, becoming a leader of public thought and action. When his school days were over he became identified with banking interests and for nine years occupied the position of accountant. He then went to Holstein, Nebraska, where he organized the Holstein Bank, which he conducted for a brief period. He then returned to Hastings and opened a real estate office in connection with his brother. Since that time he has continuously operated in the real estate field here, has become the owner of valuable property, including one of the finest buildings in the city, and has negotiated many important realty transfers. His plans are well formulated, his enterprise is unfaltering and his enthusiasm is contagious.

Mr. Madgett was married in 1899 to Miss Pauline E. Nance and they have a little daughter who bears the mother's name. Their religious faith is that of the Episcopal church, while in fraternal relations Mr. Madgett is well known as a Consistory Mason, a Mystic Shriner and a member of the Knights of Pythias. He has given his political allegiance to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and has taken a more and more active part in politics as he has been aroused to the needs and demands of the hour. In 1915 he was elected mayor of Hastings and is giving to the city a businesslike, progressive administration based upon his thorough knowledge of municipal conditions and problems—problems for which he finds a ready and correct solution. On account of friends urging

him to do so he has become a candidate for the republican nomination for governor. His position is never an equivocal one. He stands loyally for a cause in which he believes and he advocates woman suffrage; conservation of the state's natural resources, such as rivers, streams and lakes for water power and irrigation purposes; loan of state school money on Nebraska farm mortgages; a more thorough and uniform system of public accounting, so the different offices will have a check on each other; a commission to pass upon the constitutionality and validity of proposed bills before they are enacted into law by the legislature; and a good roads law requiring more and better work done upon our public highways and providing that convict labor and the proceeds shall be appropriated by the state for such purposes. Mr. Madgett regards a public office as a public trust and his loyalty and progressiveness in the office of mayor indicate the course which he would follow should he become the state's chief executive.

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### RAY SIPPLE.

Among the wide-awake and enterprising young business men of Hastings is Ray Sipple, member of the Sipple Brothers Motor Company. Adams county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Holstein on the 4th of January, 1891. His parents are C. A. and Ella Sipple, who came to Nebraska in pioneer times and are still residents of this state. The father was engaged in the grain and livestock business at Norman, Holstein and Kenesaw.

After acquiring his education by attendance at the public schools through the period of his boyhood and early youth, Ray Sipple began work upon his father's cattle ranch in Boone county and while thus employed learned the value of industry, perseverance and determination. In March, 1914, he arrived in Hastings and in partnership with his brother Earl established the Sipple Brothers Motor Company. They handle the Ford cars for Adams county and also the Oldsmobile in five counties. They also conduct a repair business and deal in auto accessories. Both are active in the conduct and management of the business and in addition they employ five men. They occupy a room one hundred and twenty-five by forty-four feet in a two story brick building and have built up a business of large and gratifying proportions.

On the 8th of February, 1911, Mr. Sipple was united in marriage

to Miss Cora Rice, a daughter of W. A. Rice. They attend the Methodist church and in the social circles of the city occupy an enviable position, having many warm friends in Hastings. Mr. Sipple belongs to the Commercial Club and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community and cooperates in many plans for the public good. He represents one of the old and honored pioneer families of the county and the work which was begun by his father in early days in behalf of the county's development is being carried on by the son.

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### JAMES F. CROWLEY.

In no profession does advancement depend more entirely upon individual merit and ability than in the law and that James F. Crowley has gained recognition as a leading attorney is the result of his close application, thorough study and fidelity to the interests of his clients. He was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, April 9, 1879, and is a son of Jerome and Agnes (Carney) Crowley, who in the fall of 1884 left Iowa and came with their family to Hastings. Here the father engaged in business as a wholesale grocer, continuing active in that line until his death, which occurred in 1905. His widow survives.

After attending the public schools James F. Crowley continued his education in St. Mary's College at St. Mary's, Kansas, and after reviewing the business situation with its varied possibilities along industrial, agricultural, commercial and professional lines he determined upon the practice of law as a life work. Accordingly he began studying in the office of McCreary & Button at Hastings and was admitted to the bar on the 13th of June, 1901. He then entered upon the active practice of his profession, in which he has made steady advance and is now accorded a liberal clientage that has connected him with much important litigation heard in the courts of his district. He is felicitous and clear in his statement, strong in argument and logical in his reasoning, and the court records indicate that he has won many verdicts favorable to his clients.

On the 10th of June, 1915, Mr. Crowley was married to Miss Blanche Cantwell, a daughter of Thomas J. Cantwell. They are Catholics in religious faith and Mr. Crowley belongs to Council No. 1123 of the Knights of Columbus. He has served as grand knight and also as district deputy. He has membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and he gives his political allegiance to the

republican party, taking an active interest in both county and state politics. He has served as a member of the central committee and for three terms filled the office of justice of the peace. He is fond of outdoor life and, indulging his taste in that direction, secures needed rest and recreation from the onerous duties of a professional career. He is a member of the Bar Association and he enjoys the confidence and high regard of his colleagues and contemporaries in practice.

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### MORDECAI W. HENSLEY.

Mordecai W. Hensley is well known in Kenesaw, where he is living retired, and throughout the county is held in high respect and esteem. Although at the time of the Civil war he was living in Kentucky, where the sympathy with the Southern cause was very strong, he served in the Union army as he believed that the north was right. His birth occurred in Carter county, Kentucky, on the 10th of November, 1842, and his parents, Madison M. and Elizabeth (Williams) Hensley, both passed away in that county. He attended a subscription school for a few months a year but much of his time as a boy was given to helping with the work of the home farm. On the 11th of June, 1861, when not yet nineteen years of age, he enlisted in Company F, Fourteenth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, which engaged in several skirmishes with bushwhackers in Carter county before it was mustered into the United States service in November of that year. Mr. Hensley participated in fighting around Middle Creek, Kentucky, and Kingston, Georgia, and subsequently took part in the Atlanta campaign and witnessed the fall of that city. He was often in the thickest of the fight and saw General McPherson killed. After the fall of Atlanta he fought in the battle of Nashville and in the engagements on the Tennessee river. On the 31st of January, 1865, he was discharged at Louisa, Kentucky, and returned home. For a long period after the close of hostilities feeling ran high in that locality against all who had served in the Union army but Mr. Hensley remained there five years in spite of the illwill which most of his neighbors bore him. At length, however, fifty men banded together and attempted to capture him and it was with difficulty that he escaped into the timber, reaching the Ohio river, which he crossed. He decided never to return to Carter county and went to Andrew county, Missouri, where he purchased land, which he

operated for ten years. His next removal was to Clay county, Kansas, where he farmed for five years, and at the end of that time he located in Kearney county, Nebraska. After carrying on agricultural pursuits there for a similar period he took up his residence in Kenesaw, where he still lives. While actively engaged in farming he gained recognition as an efficient and successful agriculturist and the competence which he accumulated now enables him to enjoy a period of leisure.

Mr. Hensley was married on the 15th of October, 1865, to Miss Selah Ann McGinnis, of Boyd county, Kentucky, who was born on the 6th of August, 1843, and died in Kenesaw on the 16th of January, 1892. To their union were born four children, of whom three are still living, namely: Madison M., who is operating the lighting plant at Kenesaw; Joseph D., at home; and Mordecai W., a resident of Grafton, Nebraska.

Mr. Hensley has always supported the republican party, believing firmly in its principles. He is identified with the local Grand Army post and greatly enjoys meeting with other Union veterans. In March, 1865, he was given the entered apprentice degree in Cannonsburg Lodge, No. 383, A. F. & A. M., in June of that year became a Fellowcraft Mason and on the 31st of August was made a Master Mason. At that time there was much feeling against the Masons in his locality and the meetings had to be held in secret. He now holds membership in Kenesaw Lodge, No. 144, of which he is a charter member. He exemplifies in his life the teachings of Masonry and, moreover, has always been characterized by a strong public spirit which has led him to promote the general welfare in every way possible.

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### JOHN P. MADGETT.

John P. Madgett is a partner in the real estate firm of Madgett Brothers and as such occupies an enviable position in the business circles of Hastings. In this connection, moreover, he is a partner in the ownership of the Madgett building, one of the fine structures of the city. He was born at Binghamton, New York, on the 3d of March, 1879, and is a son of James and Mary (Hayes) Madgett, who were natives of Ireland. The father was born in County Kerry in 1823 and died in Hastings at the very advanced age of ninety-one years. The mother was born in County Cork in May, 1845, and is

still living in Hastings. James Madgett followed farming on the Emerald isle and afterward engaged in shipbuilding in England. In 1866 he came to the United States, settling first in New York, where he engaged in railroad work, but after thirteen years or in 1879 he arrived in Adams county, Nebraska, where he purchased land, casting his lot with the pioneer settlers of this section of the country. His first home was a half sod house and half dugout and there was a lean-to barn upon the place. He engaged in farming with an ox team, his place being on 32 Mile Creek in Denver township. Upon that farm he reared his family of six children, of whom John P. was the youngest. For many years the father carried on general farming and stock raising but in 1886 retired from active business life, although he continued to reside on his farm for some time. Later he removed to Hastings, where his death occurred. His religious faith was that of the Catholic church.

John P. Madgett pursued his education in the district schools, in the city schools of Hastings and in Hastings College. He started out in life by selling papers on the streets of Hastings when a mere boy and at fifteen years of age he began work in the First National Bank. It was subsequent to that time that he attended college, for he had come to realize the value and worth of education as a preparation for life's practical and responsible duties. In early manhood he followed general office work and bookkeeping, remaining with the First National Bank for sixteen years, during which time he advanced through intermediate positions to that of assistant cashier, and his long connection with the bank plainly indicated his fidelity as well as his capability. In 1911 he joined his brother, Mayor William Madgett, in the real estate, insurance, loan and abstract business and they have since been active and successful along that line. They had laid out additions to the city of Hastings, have also handled lands in Oklahoma, Texas and Canada, and in addition to his operations in the real estate and loan field Mr. Madgett is a stockholder in the First National Bank.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Madgett chose Miss May Belle Parks, her parents being J. J. and Anna B. (Barton) Parks, who are natives of New Jersey and Georgia, respectively, and make their home in Hastings. The father, who came to Adams county in 1890, here devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits for a decade but during the past sixteen years has lived retired. Our subject and his wife have a son, John Patrick, Jr., who was born on the 2d of October, 1910.

In his political views Mr. Madgett is an earnest republican, well

informed on the questions and issues of the day, but has never been an office seeker. He is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership in the Masonic lodge, the Royal Arch chapter, the council and the Knights Templar commandery, in the last named serving as captain general. He is also an active member of the consistory and he belongs to Sesostri's Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Lincoln. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias, of which he is a past grand chancellor, having been unanimously chosen for the position of grand chancellor for the years 1913 and 1914. He has also been grand prelate and grand vice chancellor. His is an excellent record in the various relations of life, for fidelity to duty has been one of his watchword and progress has characterized him at every point in his career.

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### CLARENCE EUGENE KIDDER, M. D.

Dr. Clarence Eugene Kidder, a practicing physician and surgeon of Holstein, Nebraska, was born in Winnebago county, Illinois, October 3, 1881, his parents being B. F. and M. A. (Hewitt) Kidder. The father served for three years as a soldier in the Seventy-fourth Illinois Infantry during the Civil war and after the close of hostilities settled in Winnebago county, Illinois, where he remained until 1885, when he removed with his family to eastern Colorado, there taking up his abode upon a farm. He afterward became a resident of Greeley and it was during the period of residence of the family in that place that Dr. Kidder attended the graded schools, the high school and the normal school. He determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work and in 1910 entered upon preparation for the profession at Cotner University in Lincoln, Nebraska, from which institution he was graduated in June, 1914. On the 15th of July of the same year he took up his abode at Holstein and in the intervening period, covering about two years, has built up a large, extensive and gratifying practice. During the period in which he was pursuing his studies in Lincoln he was for eighteen months associated with the city physician there and thus gained broad and valuable practical experience. He worked his way through college and thereby displayed the elemental strength of his character, his determination to secure an education being indicative of the success that will undoubtedly come to him as the years go by.

On the 29th of July, 1914, Dr. Kidder was married to Mrs.



Martha Herrick, of Lincoln, and they have one child, Jeannette Helen. They hold membership in the Evangelical church and they prominently known socially, having gained many warm friends during the period of their connection with Holstein. In his political views Dr. Kidder is a republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Lincoln and with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Osceola, Nebraska. He has many strong and admirable characteristics and by his well defined activity and laudable ambition is working his way steadily upward.

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### C. G. INGRAHAM.

C. G. Ingraham, manager of the manufacturing department of J. H. Haney & Company and thus active in the business circles of Hastings, is also a prominent figure in connection with political activity and has served his city as mayor. He was born in Jackson county, Missouri, on the 2d of December, 1868, and is a son of Jacob and Phoebe (Gallahue) Ingraham. The father was a farmer by occupation and at the time of the Civil war put aside all business and personal considerations to serve as a volunteer in an Ohio regiment of the Union army, rendering valiant aid to his country during the darkest hour in its history. Both he and his wife have now passed away.

C. G. Ingraham, who was one of a family of seven daughters and two sons, pursued his education in the public schools of Kansas, the family having removed from Missouri to that state during his early childhood. He supplemented his public-school course by study in the normal college at Fort Scott, Kansas, and afterward learned the saddlery business, working at his trade in Fort Scott, Kansas. The year 1891 witnessed his arrival in Hastings, where he continued to represent the same firm. He remained for five years or until financial conditions, caused by the continued and excessive droughts in the state, compelled the closing of the shop. He then returned to Kansas and engaged in farming on the old homestead for five years. In 1900 he again entered the employ of J. H. Haney & Company and has since represented the firm, being one of its most trusted and its oldest employes in years of continuous service. He is thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the business and has worked his way steadily upward until he occupies the responsible position of manager of the manufacturing department.

On the 15th of August, 1900, Mr. Ingraham was united in mar-



riage to Miss Effie M. Worthy, a daughter of William C. Worthy. They have one child, Mary Corrine. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist church. In his political views Mr. Ingraham is a democrat and is a recognized leader of his party in Hastings and this section of the state. He is now acting as chairman of the democratic county central committee and also as president of the Wilson & Marshall Club. He served for two terms as a member of the city council and was then elected mayor of Hastings, during which time he made an excellent record for efficiency and for businesslike methods in conducting municipal affairs. During his administration there was passed an ordinance requiring railroads to install and maintain at their own expense lights at the crossings. An excellent traffic ordinance was also passed, and over one hundred electroliers were installed, ninety intersection lights and one hundred and fourteen bracket lights, nine miles of new line and three hundred and fifty new services, while a reduction of almost fifty per cent was made in the electric rates. Mr. Ingraham also succeeded in reducing the indebtedness of the city, which at the time he took office on the 8th of April, 1913, amounted to twenty-two thousand five hundred and seventy-four dollars. Moreover, he so managed financial interests that the close of his term saw an excellent balance in the treasury. Many other evidences of his tangible public spirit might be cited, but these are sufficient to indicate that his administration was one which wrought for great good to the public. Mr. Ingraham is also a believer in woman suffrage. Fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason and a Modern Woodman. He has a wide acquaintance and all who know him speak of him in terms of high regard. Even those who oppose him politically acknowledge his honesty and recognize his devotion to the public welfare. He is straightforward, reliable and thoroughly honest in all that he undertakes and he never hesitates to express his convictions clearly and unequivocally.

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#### J. W. UNGER.

J. W. Unger is a prominent farmer and live stock dealer of Adams county, having handled much blooded stock, and in this connection he has done much to improve the grade of stock raised in this part of the state. He now makes his home in Juniata and still gives personal supervision to the management of his business interests, although he is now in the seventy-eighth year of his age. He was

born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, August 15, 1838, a son of John and Elizabeth (Faust) Unger, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and representatives of old Pennsylvania Dutch families. The mother died during the early boyhood of her son, J. W., and the home was broken up. In his seventeenth year he came west, locating at Pawpaw, Lee county, Illinois, where he remained until, aroused by a spirit of patriotism, he enlisted in 1862 in defense of the old flag, joining Company K of the Seventy-fifth Illinois Regiment to serve for three years or during the war. He remained with his command until discharged at the close of hostilities. He had been wounded in the battle of Stone River, a ball striking a finger on his right hand. He never left his company, however. He took part in the battle of Perryville, where after an hour and a half's hard fighting there were only two hundred and fifty men left out of the thousand who entered the engagement. He participated also in the battles of Nashville, Chickamauga, Pine Mountain, Lookout Mountain and Ringgold and with his command proceeded into Alabama and took part in a number of engagements in that state. He was also in the battle of Lovejoy Station, of Franklin, Tennessee, Liberty Gap and Whiteside and when the war was over he returned to his home with a most creditable military record, having proven his fidelity and his bravery on many a hotly contested battlefield.

For some time after the war Mr. Unger remained a resident of Illinois and then removed to Chariton county, Missouri, where he spent twelve years. On the expiration of that period he established his home in Jefferson county, Nebraska, where he remained for ten years, and in 1892 he went to Oxford, Nebraska, but in 1893 removed to Prosser, continuing his residence at that place for nine or ten years, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He then came to Juniata, where he has since resided save for a period of five years spent in the city of Hastings and two and one-half years in Colorado. He has always followed farming and is one of the most enterprising and progressive agriculturists of this part of the state. Ever a lover of good horses, he has kept some fine blooded stock and was one of the first in this part of the state to invest in blooded imported stable horses. He has likewise engaged in raising fine hogs and both branches of his business have proven profitable. He is today the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable farm land near Maywood in Lincoln county. His business affairs have ever been carefully conducted and well directed energy has brought him success.

In 1862 Mr. Unger was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Britton and they became the parents of four children: John Sherman,

living in Colorado; Susie, the wife of Ed Carroll, of Juniata; Ada, who gave her hand in marriage to George Pratte, of Juniata; and Louie, who is the wife of Lester Fairbanks of this county. The wife and mother passed away in August, 1895, and her death was deeply regretted not only by her immediate family but also by many friends.

In politics Mr. Unger has been a lifelong republican, always indorsing the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He belongs to Hastings Post, G. A. R., thus maintaining pleasant relations with his old army comrades, and he likewise belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. Those who know him esteem him highly, for his has been an upright career characterized by public-spirited citizenship, by enterprise and industry in business, by reliability in all trade transactions and by strict honor in his relations with his fellowmen.

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#### WILLIAM M. DUTTON.

William M. Dutton, manager of the wholesale saddlery house of J. H. Haney & Company and thus active in one of the foremost business enterprises of Hastings, was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa, on the 1st of March, 1859, and is a son of Basil T. and Mary A. (Mendell) Dutton. The father was a native of Marietta, Ohio, and the mother's birth occurred in Wellsburg, West Virginia. Mr. Dutton was a contractor and in early life removed westward to Iowa, making his home for a considerable period in Oskaloosa, where he was not only active in business as a contractor but was also a leading member of the Baptist church.

William M. Dutton completed his education in the Oskaloosa high school and there received his business training, making his initial step in business in Oskaloosa in connection with merchandising. In 1886 he removed to Nebraska and with J. H. Haney and W. A. McKay organized the J. H. Haney & Company and has since been in active control of the business. It is one of the most extensive and important manufacturing and industrial enterprises of this part of the state. He thoroughly understands the trade in every department and is thus able to direct the labors of the employes so that they produce maximum results with minimum efforts. He is also interested

in the firm of J. H. Haney & Company at Omaha, wholesale manufacturers of saddlery and harness.

In 1887 Mr. Dutton was united in marriage to Miss Kitty M. J. Loughbridge, a daughter of James P. and Emily (Bean) Loughbridge. To them have been born four children, as follows: Florence May, who is a graduate of the high school, Milwaukee-Downer College and the University of Nebraska and who is now the wife of Barton Greene, an attorney of Lincoln, by whom she has one child; George Reynolds, who is engaged in business with his father at Hastings; Armilda, a senior in the high school; and William, Jr., a sophomore high school student.

In politics Mr. Dutton is independent and feels himself in no way bound by party ties. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias. His attention has been given in undivided manner to his business affairs and since 1886 he has figured continuously and prominently in harness manufacturing circles of central Nebraska.

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### SAMUEL ALEXANDER.

Among the pioneers of Adams county was Samuel Alexander, who engaged in homesteading for some time. He became the first postmaster of Hastings and in the discharge of his duties was efficient and courteous, thus gaining the commendation of his fellow citizens. He was born January 16, 1842, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was a son of William and Agnes (Black) Alexander and was of Irish extraction. His education was received in the common schools of Clarinda, Iowa, and in early manhood he joined the Union army, serving at the front until he was honorably discharged in 1864. Later in that year he came to Adams county and took up a claim where Hastings now stands and he was also one of the early settlers of Lincoln. He engaged in farming and proved very successful in that connection and after the town of Hastings was established took a very active part in public affairs. He was the first postmaster of the town, was a member of the city council and was elected mayor on the temperance ticket, serving in that office for four years. He also held other minor positions of trust and at all times proved a capable and conscientious official. He was not only interested in politics and municipal government but also in the moral and educational advancement of his community and was one of the leaders in the establishment of Hastings College.

In 1870 Mr. Alexander was united in marriage to Miss Harriet R. Phillips, a daughter of Russell and Rachel (Bristol) Phillips. She is the only survivor of a family of eight children. Although born in Erie, Pennsylvania, she attended school in Nebraska and Iowa, her family being pioneers of those states. By her marriage she became the mother of five children: Agnes, who is the wife of William Duer, of Sutherlin, Oregon, and has three children; Rachel, who is now Mrs. Joe Webster, of Lincoln, and has a daughter; Esther H., who gave her hand in marriage to Herbert Young, of Cleveland, Ohio, and has two living children and one deceased; Frances, who married George Van Antwerp and has a son; and Samuel R., a resident of Montana.

Mr. Alexander indorsed the principles of the republican party but felt at liberty to vote independently if he considered the candidate of the opposing party better fitted for the office in question. He gave his religious allegiance to the United Presbyterian church and was always one of the first to champion a movement along the line of moral progress. He was an honored member of the Pioneers of Nebraska and for many years was a witness of the development of this part of the state, residing here from 1864 until his death in April, 1908. He is buried at Hastings. Although he has passed away, the influence of his life and his work is still felt and his many friends cherish his memory.

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### JOHN A. LAWLER.

John A. Lawler, devoting his energies to law practice at Hastings, is one of the younger members of the bar who has already attained a position that many another representative of the profession might well envy. He was born in Gladstone, Michigan, on the 18th of January, 1889, a son of Thomas C. and Matilda J. Lawler, the former special agent and insurance adjuster. The family located in Hastings in 1900 and the parents still remain residents of this city.

John A. Lawler was a lad of eleven years when the family removed to Hastings and in the public schools he continued his education, while later he became a student in the Kearney Military Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1910. He then entered upon the study of law in the University of Nebraska, completing his course by graduation in 1913. He then opened his office

in Hastings and has been very successful in following his profession. 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 career certain rare gifts—eloquence of language and a strong personality. An excellent presence, an earnest, dignified manner, marked strength of character, a thorough grasp of the law and the ability to accurately apply its principles are factors in his effectiveness as an advocate.

In his political views Mr. Lawler is a democrat and was one of the organizers and served as first president of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Adams county during the last campaign. In November, 1914, he was elected justice of the peace on the democratic ticket and is now filling that position. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian and is serving as vestryman and treasurer of St. Mark's Episcopal church. In Masonry he has attained the third degree in the blue lodge and in his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. He also belongs to the Hastings Bar Association, of which he is the secretary. He is regarded by contemporaries and colleagues, as well as by the general public, as one of the rising young lawyers of his part of the state and already his position is a most creditable and enviable one. He was a candidate for nomination at the April, 1916, primaries of the democratic party for county attorney.

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### EDWIN SMITH.

Edwin Smith, a retired farmer residing in Hastings, is widely known throughout the county and his sterling worth is indicated in the fact that those who have been most closely associated with him are his staunchest friends. He was born in New York in 1842 and is a son of John and Keziah (Hallock) Smith, both also natives of that state. He attended the common schools until fifteen years of age and in 1863, when twenty-one years old, enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, having removed to Marshall county, Illinois, earlier in that year. He remained with his command until honorably discharged from the military service on the 28th of October, 1864, when he returned to Illinois. He continued to farm there until 1876, in which year he came to Adams county, Nebraska, and bought eighty acres of land in Ayr township. He devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and lived upon his farm until 1905, when he removed to Hastings, where

he has since lived. He was very industrious and as the years passed his well directed labors yielded him such large returns that he was able to accumulate a competence that now enables him to enjoy a period of leisure.

Mr. Smith was married in 1882 to Mrs. Isabelle (Herlinger) Campbell. By her former marriage she had a son, Ira, who was born on the 2d of June, 1876, in Pennsylvania but was brought by his parents to Adams county in 1878. He attended the country schools until he entered the high school at Hastings and after completing the course there continued his studies in the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, graduating from the Liberal Arts College of that institution in 1901. He devoted his life to the profession of teaching and was for some time superintendent of schools at Nelson, Nebraska, and also taught summer schools at Geneva, Nebraska. His untimely death occurred on the 25th of August, 1906. He was married in 1902 to Miss Anna Stein, a daughter of John Stein, an early settler of Adams county, and to them was born a daughter, Dolores, whose birth occurred in 1903. She and her mother are now living in Hastings. Mrs. Smith died in Hastings in 1906. In 1908 Mr. Smith was again married, Mrs. Sarah (Glazier) Garries becoming his wife. She was born in Ireland in 1848 but in 1852 accompanied her parents to America, the family home being established first in Canada. Subsequently a removal was made to Michigan and in that state she was married to Charles Garries, a farmer who about 1888 removed with his family to Adams county, Nebraska. He became the owner of a good farm six miles north of Hastings and resided there until 1905, when he retired and moved to Hastings, where he died not long afterward. To him and his wife were born six children, four sons and two daughters. William Henry, who was born in 1864, is an evangelist and is living in Falls City, Nebraska. He has two children. George Edward, whose birth occurred in 1867, is an implement dealer of Bentley, Alberta, Canada, and is married and has seven children. John Hollis was born in 1869 and is farming four miles northwest of Hastings. He is married and has a daughter. Rosa Anne, born in 1872, became the wife of Robert Benfield, of Hastings, and died in 1904, leaving two children. Mary Elizabeth, who was born in 1874, is the wife of Elmer Stedman, of Denver and has one child. Arthur Hugh, born in 1881, is farming near Caster, Alberta, Canada, and is married and has four children.

Mr. Smith is a democrat in his political belief and served for a number of years as school treasurer and township assessor and treasurer. He is a member of Silas A. Strickland Post, No. 13, Civil War



Veterans, and has held all of the offices, including that of commander, in which he is now serving. The Methodist Episcopal church profits by his support and all measures seeking the moral advancement of his community receive his cooperation. The success which he has gained is the direct result of his enterprise and careful management and his many friends are glad that he is now able to enjoy a period of leisure.

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### J. F. GANGWISH.

J. F. Gangwish, who carries on general farming in Juniata township, was born in Baden, Germany, on the 31st of May, 1855, his parents being J. F. and Mary (Barth) Gangwish, who were also natives of the fatherland, where they spent their entire lives, Mr. Gangwish devoting his attention to general farming. In the family were five children, namely: J. F., of this review; Victor E., a resident of Adams county, Nebraska; Karl, who is deceased; Bernhardt, living in New York city; and Mary, who is still in Germany.

J. F. Gangwish obtained his education in the common schools of Germany, where he also attended high school. He came to the United States in 1871, settling in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and in that section of the country worked in the coal mines and also engaged in railroad work. There he remained until 1879, when he came to Nebraska, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Adams county. He took up his abode on section 27, township 7, range 11, and undertook the task of converting the wild land into productive fields. As the years went on his labors were attended with good results and his farm became a valuable property. He added many fine modern improvements, erected an attractive residence, a substantial barn, and also a silo and has built a fine elevator thirty by forty feet with twenty-one-foot studding. He now owns three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land and his farm is one of the most thoroughly modern in its equipment and accessories. He has given much attention to the raising of high grade stock, which has constituted an important feature of his business. He is also a director of the Farmers Elevator Company of Juniata, with which he has been officially connected for twelve years.

In 1885 Mr. Gangwish was united in marriage to Miss Rosalia Mecham and to them have been born thirteen children, as follows: Elmer, who lives a mile north of his father's farm; Harrison, who





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lives two miles south of the home place; Carl and Earl, twins, the latter living a mile southwest of Juniata; Bertha, who gave her hand in marriage to C. W. Leopold; Albert, Rebecca and Ralph, who are still under the parental roof; Letha and Retha, twins, also at home; Meton, at home; Afton, who is deceased; and Fern.

In his political views Mr. Gangwish is now a democrat but formerly gave his allegiance to the republican party. He has served as justice of the peace and as road boss and is always interested in plans and measures for the public good. He was reared in the faith of the Catholic church and fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for in this country he found the opportunities which he sought and in their improvement has advanced steadily, becoming one of the substantial and prosperous farmers of the district in which he lives. Wherever known he is held in high esteem and most of all where he is best known.

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### COLONEL H. HANSELL.

Mercantile interests find a worthy representative in Colonel H. Hansell of the Vastine Hansell Clothing Company, conducting business on West Second street in Hastings. He is wide-awake, alert and enterprising and his well defined plans have carried him steadily forward to success. He was born in one of the oldtime log cabins of Franklin county, Iowa, on the 26th of December, 1871, his parents being George W. and Laura B. (Smith) Hansell. The father was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1830 and passed away in 1887, while the mother, who was born in Rhode Island in 1836, is still living at Hampton, Iowa, and has almost reached the eightieth milestone on life's journey. The father was a farmer by occupation and on making his way westward to Iowa settled in Franklin county. He had made the journey on horseback and after reaching his destination traded his horse for oxen, with which he did his farm work, hitching the team to a breaking plow with which he turned the first furrows in the fields. He lived in a log house and continued to spend his remaining days in that district. He took an active part in all the affairs of the community, filled the position of county supervisor, gave his political allegiance to the republican party and was a consistent and helpful member of the Methodist church, aiding in organ-

izing the church near his home. His business affairs were carefully and conscientiously conducted and success attended his labors. He became the owner of considerable land and won a place among the extensive stockmen of the district, raising shorthorn cattle and Chester White hogs. His efforts did not a little to improve the grade of stock raised in his part of the state.

Colonel H. Hansell was the youngest in a family of four children. He attended the district schools of Franklin county and also the Highland Park Business College at Des Moines, Iowa. He spent his boyhood days upon the home farm and after becoming familiar with all the duties incident to the work of the fields engaged in merchandising at Hansell, Iowa, a town founded by his father. In that field of activity he continued active until he removed westward to York county, Nebraska, in 1894, at which time he became the cashier and a stockholder and director of the First State Bank of Lush-ton, Nebraska. In 1897 he removed to Bradshaw, where he accepted a similar position in the Bank of Bradshaw, and in April, 1898, he arrived in Hastings, where he became connected with the cold storage business as a member of the Hastings Produce Company. That business was eventually merged into the Beatrice Creamery Company, of which Mr. Hansell became a stockholder and the local manager, continuing his activity in that field through eighteen years. He became connected with the Vastine Hansell Clothing Company when he withdrew from the creamery business and he is also president of the Hastings Brewing Company, of which he was one of the original stockholders. The clothing business is now growing steadily and their patronage is well deserved, for their methods measure up to the highest commercial standards.

In 1893 Mr. Hansell was united in marriage to Miss Ora M. Gibson, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Alexander J. and Hannah Gibson, both natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Gibson participated in the Civil war as a gunner in an artillery regiment from 1861 until 1865 and after the close of hostilities removed from Illinois to Iowa. In the latter state he successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1891, when he embarked in the mercantile business at Hansell, Iowa. He is a man of retiring disposition but recognized worth and is now living with his wife at Hampton, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Hansell have a son, Paul G., who was born on the 27th of July, 1906.

Mr. Hansell belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks but otherwise has no membership connections with lodge, church or club and he is without political aspiration, preferring to concentrate

his undivided attention upon his business interests, which are wisely directed and which have resulted in the attainment of a gratifying measure of prosperity.

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### WILLIAM C. HINES, D. V. M.

Dr. William C. Hines, of Kenesaw, has gained a large and profitable practice as a veterinarian and has won high standing professionally. He was born on the 10th of May, 1880, in Science Hill, Pulaski county, Kentucky, a son of Shelton and Nancy (De Board) Hines. The mother, who was born near Bethel, Casey county, Kentucky, in 1847, died in 1882 and the father subsequently married Miss Siotha Carson, a daughter of George and Polly (Girdler) Carson, who spent their entire lives in Kentucky. Mrs. Hines is still living and makes her home with the Doctor.

Shelton Hines, the Doctor's father, was born in Pulaski county, Kentucky, December 22, 1845, and at the time of the Civil war enlisted on the 4th of August, 1863, as a private of Company D, Thirteenth Kentucky Cavalry, which fought on the Union side, serving two years and two months. At the battle of King Saltville, Virginia, he was wounded in the hand and thigh by the same bullet and later in the battle was captured by the Confederates. He was confined in Libby prison for seven months and seventeen days and during that time was almost starved. The privations which he endured there so weakened him that he was almost helpless for two years after his release as for twenty-one months after he was wounded he was unable to walk. He was honorably discharged October 23, 1865, on the surgeon's certificate of disability. At length he regained his strength and about 1870 purchased a farm, which he operated until 1903. In that year he retired and removed to Kenesaw, Nebraska, where he resided until his demise on the 10th of November, 1908. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and his religious belief was that of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Dr. Hines received a common school education in Kentucky and after leaving school worked on the home farm for a time and also partially learned the carpenter's trade. In June, 1898, he removed to Kenesaw, Nebraska, and for two years thereafter was employed as a farm hand. The next two years were spent as a fireman on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, during which time he made his home in McCook, Nebraska. Later he went to Marshall, Texas,

and for six weeks worked for the Texas & Pacific Railroad. During the following ten years he was in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad as fireman, engineer and brakeman. Having determined to enter the veterinary profession, he next spent three years at the McKillip Veterinary College in Chicago and was graduated from that institution in April, 1912, with the degree of D. V. M. He at once located at Kenesaw, Nebraska, where he has since engaged in the active practice of his profession. He has demonstrated his ability and although he has only been in practice for about four years he has secured a patronage that would be a credit to a man of much longer experience.

Dr. Hines supports the republican party at the polls and is now serving acceptably as a member of the town board. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and casts his influence on the side of righteousness and justice. He is well known in fraternal circles, belonging to the Masonic order, in which he has taken thirty-two degrees, to the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Alpha Sigma, a college fraternity. He is also a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers. He has made many warm friends in Kenesaw since his arrival here and is one of the most highly esteemed and respected residents of the town.

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### ALFRED METCALFE CLARK.

Alfred Metcalfe Clark is now the oldest druggist in Hastings in years of continuous connection with the trade. His name is inseparably associated with the commercial activity of the city, as enterprise and industry have brought him to a foremost position in the ranks of the leading business men of Adams county. He was born in Cass county, Illinois, March 16, 1862, his parents being Alfred M. and Nancy M. (Troutman) Clark. The father, who was a native of Wales, was bound out at the age of seven years and learned the tailor's trade. In the early '50s he became a resident of Illinois, removing from Kentucky to Jacksonville. He became the owner of farm lands in the latter state and at different periods he lived in Cass, Coles and Piatt counties, always following the occupation of farming and always taking an active and helpful interest in public affairs. He died in March, 1880, at the age of sixty-five years and was long

survived by his widow, who passed away in February, 1912, at the age of eighty-six years.

Alfred M. Clark pursued his education in the district schools of Cass county, in a private school at Charleston, Illinois, and in the high school of that place. He received his professional training in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, in which he completed a course in January, 1880. He sawed wood at night and performed other humble labor that would enable him to earn money wherewith he met the expenses of his pharmaceutical course. In 1880 he clerked in a drug store at Charleston, Illinois, and in 1882 removed to Arcola, that state, where he had charge of a drug business until 1885, when he removed to Hastings. Here he continued in the drug business and in 1892 formed a partnership with A. H. Farrens, that connection being maintained until June, 1893, since which time Mr. Clark has been alone in business. He has been associated with the trade longer than any other druggist of the city and he has a well appointed store on Second street, where he is accorded a liberal patronage. He has seen wonderful changes in the city, witnessing its growth along all lines of substantial improvement and development whereby it has become the attractive modern city of today. He is likewise interested in several other business enterprises of Hastings aside from his drug store and his activities have at all times been wisely and carefully directed.

In 1893 Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Florence Trout, of Arcola, Illinois, a daughter of D. S. Trout, a wagonmaker of that place and an active business man and public-spirited citizen of the town. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have become parents of two children: Alfreda, who is attending Downer College at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Alfred Metcalfe, who is also in school.

Mr. Clark belongs to various fraternal organizations. He is an active member of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Hastings and became a charter member of the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan. He is well known in Masonic circles, having attained the Knights Templar degree of the York Rite, and in the commandery he is an active worker, serving now as senior warden. He has also taken the Scottish Rite degrees and has held office in that branch of Masonry. He belongs also to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Mystic Legion of the Orient, in the organization of which he was a prime mover and in which he has been an active worker. He votes with the republican party but has never held political office. He has served as a member of the school board, however, and is interested in plans and movements for the public good, cooperating heartily and

earnestly along lines leading to public benefit. The history of Hastings is largely familiar to him, for his mind bears the impress of its early historic annals, while with the passing years he has taken an active part in shaping the material development and progress of this portion of the state.

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### KARL D. BEGHTOL.

Karl D. Beghtol attorney at law at Hastings now serving as police judge, was born in Shenandoah, Iowa, on the 22d of March, 1876, a son of James V. and Edith (McCoy) Beghtol. The father is a physician and in the year 1882 removed with his family to Lincoln, Nebraska. He afterward came to Hastings, where he is still engaged in the active practice of medicine and surgery, occupying a prominent and enviable position in that connection.

Karl D. Beghtol was educated in the public schools and in the high school of Friends, Nebraska, where he was graduated. He afterward took up the profession of teaching and became assistant principal of the Nebraska Institute for the Blind at Nebraska City, remaining there for a year. During his school work he specialized in the teaching of Latin and history. He afterward took the classical course at the University of Nebraska, specializing in languages for four years, and again he taught school, spending three years in that connection at Ogden, Utah. Later he devoted a year to teaching in the schools of Anaconda, Montana, and on the expiration of that period retired from the profession and became credit man for the Copper City Commercial Company of Anaconda.

In 1905 Mr. Beghtol reentered the University of Nebraska for the study of law and on the completion of his professional course was graduated with the class of 1908. He then returned to Hastings, opened his office and is enjoying a good practice. He holds a teacher's life certificate in Nebraska but expects henceforth to concentrate his energies upon his law practice, which is becoming continually more extensive and of a more important character. His legal learning, his analytical mind, the readiness with which he grasps the points in an argument all combine to make him a strong and capable lawyer, rendering him a formidable adversary in legal combat.

On the 12th of October, 1910, Mr. Beghtol was united in marriage to Miss Ena Brach, a daughter of William Brach, of Hastings. They have one child, Karl D., Jr. Mr. Beghtol gives his political



allegiance to the republican party and was a candidate for the office of county attorney in 1912, but was defeated by a small vote, the Wilson ticket carrying everything with it. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. Fraternally he is connected with Acacia Lodge, No. 233, A. F. & A. M., also with the Royal Arch chapter of Anaconda, Montana, and with Anaconda Lodge, No. 239, B. P. O. E. He likewise belongs to a university fraternity, the Beta Theta Pi, and to the Pan Hellenic, T. N. E., the Phi Delta Phi and the the Theta Kappa Nu. Upon examination he won an honorary membership in an honorary legal fraternity. In the line of his profession he has membership with the Bar Association and in November, 1914, was elected police judge. He turns for recreation to fishing, hunting and various phases of outdoor life, which he greatly enjoys. Laudable ambition prompts his activity in his professional career and leads to his thorough preparation of cases. At no time has his reading ever been confined to the limitations of the questions at issue. It has gone beyond and compassed every contingency and provided not alone for the expected but for the unexpected, which happens quite as frequently in the courts as out of them.

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#### WILLIAM M. LOWMAN.

William M. Lowman, a prominent real estate dealer and capitalist of Hastings, is now giving his attention to his private business affairs, although for a considerable period he figured prominently in financial circles as the president of the Bank of Commerce. A native of Illinois, he was born in Toulon in 1856, and was there reared and educated. In 1878 he arrived in Hastings and with his father, Davis Lowman, engaged in the real estate business under the firm style of D. Lowman & Son, opening their office on the 1st of January, 1879. The relation between them was maintained until January 1, 1886, when William M. Lowman succeeded to the business of the firm and has since been widely known as one of the most prominent real estate dealers of this part of Nebraska. He has negotiated many important realty transfers, is thoroughly conversant with property values and has utilized his opportunity for judicious investment, adding to his holdings from time to time until he now has important and extensive interests of that character. He also extended his activities into other fields, becoming a well known figure in banking circles as the president of the Bank of Commerce. He remained at the head of

the institution for an extended period, wisely and capably directing its activities and shaping its policy and making it one of the foremost financial concerns of this part of the state. He continued as president until 1915, when he resigned, and has since concentrated his efforts upon his individual interests.

In 1881 Mr. Lowman was married to Miss Florence M. Garrett, of Sterling, Illinois, and to them have been born two children: Mrs. Vera G. McCleery and William M. Thirty-eight years have come and gone since Mr. Lowman arrived in Hastings, which was then a small town giving little promise of future greatness. With its development he has been closely associated and as the years have passed on his work has been directly beneficial to the community. He can tell the story of the changes in Adams county, not as a matter of hearsay but as a matter of actual experience, and he has a wide acquaintance which includes all of the pioneer settlers as well as the majority of the more prominent later arrivals.

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### BALTHAUSER GRUENER.

Balthauser Gruener, deceased, was one of the well known farmers of Juniata township and in his death the community lost a worthy and substantial citizen. He was a native of Germany, born July 23, 1849, and in the fatherland spent the days of his boyhood and youth. He was one of a family of six children and he received the usual advantages of boys of the middle class. He came to the United States in 1871, taking up his abode at Mendota, Illinois, where he resided for a few years, devoting his attention to farm work there. He afterward removed to Arkansas, purchasing eighty acres of land near Little Rock, and upon that place he continued for a number of years. He afterward became a resident of Iowa and purchased eighty acres of land near Muscatine, devoting his time and energies to the further cultivation and improvement of that tract until 1888, when he came to Nebraska and bought a farm on section 25, Juniata township. With characteristic energy he began the further development of this place and added to it many substantial modern improvements. He owned one hundred and sixty acres of land at the time of his death and was regarded as one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of his community, devoting his attention to the work of the fields until his life's labors were

ended on the 10th of July, 1899, when he had reached the age of forty-nine years.

Mr. Gruener left a family to mourn his loss. He had wedded Miss Louisa Shaber, who was born in Oberfullbach in Coburg-Gotha, Germany. They were married in Mendota, Illinois, and to them were born seven children, as follows: Freda, who is the wife of Albert Shultz, of Denver township, Adams county, Nebraska; Edward, who is a resident of Roseland township, Adams county, Nebraska; May, who is the wife of Glen Christwell and lives near Hansen, this county; Emma, who gave her hand in marriage to William Wright, of Denver township, this county; and Frederick, William and Ludwig, all at home.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Gruener has remained upon the home farm and has extended its boundaries by the purchase of an additional tract of forty acres. She is cultivating the farm with the aid of her younger sons and has made many substantial improvements upon the place. It is a fine tract of land devoted to general agricultural pursuits and she is a successful business woman. Mr. Gruener was a supporter of the republican party and his sons have followed in his political footsteps. He belonged to the German Lutheran church, in which his wife and children also hold membership, and the family is one of prominence and worth in the community. Mr. Gruener was a very substantial and progressive business man, thoroughly reliable in his dealings and having many good qualities which endeared him to his fellow citizens.

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### LOUIS HADDEN.

Louis Hadden, who owns a valuable farm in Blaine township, was born in Kendall county, Illinois, on the 28th of October, 1854, and attended the common schools there until he was sixteen years of age. Subsequently he was a student in the Jennings Seminary at Aurora, Illinois, and after completing his education worked for his father until 1880. In that year he came westward, settling in Seward county, Nebraska, where he purchased a farm which he operated for two years. At the end of that time he sold that place and removed to Illinois, devoting two years to farming his father's land. In 1885 he came to Adams county, Nebraska, and for two years rented a farm three miles southwest of Hastings. He saved his money with the intention of buying land and in 1887 purchased his present farm in

Blaine township, three miles northeast of Hastings. He has since resided there and as the years have passed has brought the farm to a high state of development. He seldom fails to gather good crops and has never had occasion to regret his choice of an occupation.

Mr. Hadden was married in Aurora, Kane county, Illinois, in 1882 to Miss Hattie Tiffany, of Chicago, and they have three children. Lula, who was born in 1883 in Kane county, Illinois, married Guy Eastman, a banker of Mitchell, Nebraska, by whom she has three children. Glen M., who was born in Kendall county, Illinois, in 1885, is living with his parents. Bessie, who was born in 1889 in Adams county, Nebraska, married Arthur Eastwood, a hardware merchant of Morrill, by whom she has a son and daughter.

Mr. Hadden votes the republican ticket and for two terms served as township school director. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. He has based his success upon hard work and careful management and his career indicates what may be accomplished by persistent and well planned industry.

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### JACOB F. HEILER.

Jacob F. Heiler is chairman of the county board of supervisors, in which connection he is proving a capable official, discharging his duties with the promptness and fidelity that arises from a public-spirited devotion to the general good. He was born in Buffalo, New York, on the 6th of February, 1846, his parents being Jacob M. and Margaret Heiler, both of whom are now deceased. The father devoted his attention to the butchering business and thus provided for the support of his family. He pursued his education in the schools of Buffalo and during the Civil war, when still a youth in his teens, joined the army, becoming connected with the "boys in blue" of Company B, Twenty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for eighteen months. He rendered valiant aid to his country and left the service at the close of the war in 1865. He then made his way to Iowa in 1866 and in 1867 came to Nebraska. Four years later, in 1871, he secured a homestead claim in Hamilton county and devoted the succeeding three years to general agricultural pursuits.

In 1874 Mr. Heiler removed to Hastings and for six years was in the employ of Staple & Dasher. On the expiration of that period he became connected with the Marsh-Hunter Company, with which he continued for four years, and for one year he was with the Emer-

son establishment. Later he spent one year as traveling salesman upon the road, representing the Minnesota Chief people, and at the end of that time turned his attention to the hardware trade. In 1890 he embarked in business on his own account as a dealer in coal and remained active in that line until 1907, when he sold out and practically retired from business. In the meantime he had built up a trade of large and gratifying proportions that had brought to him substantial success and with the competence which came to him as the reward of his labor and close application he put aside business cares and is now practically living retired. However, he has served for five years as a member of the board of county supervisors and his present term will continue him in office for three years longer.

On the 3d of July, 1879, Mr. Heiler was united in marriage to Miss Catherine M. Fisher and they have one son, H. H., who is now a mail carrier. He is also connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, with the Odd Fellows and with all the bodies of Masonry. In his political views he is a stalwart republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party, and for two terms he has served as a member of the city council. He cooperates in many plans and measures for the benefit and upbuilding of the community in which he makes his home and at all times manifests a public-spirited citizenship. He derives his income largely from property in Hastings, for he has made judicious investments in real estate. His social qualities and his personal worth have won him popularity wherever he is known and he is held in the warmest regard where best known.

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### DAVID B. MARTI.

David B. Marti, a well known real estate dealer of Hastings, his activities covering a broad scope, was born in Piper City, Illinois, December 17, 1877, his parents being Godfrey and Rosa (Conrad) Marti. The father was born in Bern, Switzerland, and is now living at the age of seventy years, his home being at Long Beach, California. The mother, a native of Hanover, Germany, is now sixty-five years of age. Godfrey Marti came to the United States when a youth of fourteen and lived at different towns in Indiana and Illinois and in Hannibal, Missouri. In 1878 he removed to Butler county, Nebraska, where he carried on farming, and still owns six hundred and forty acres of rich land, being numbered among the active farmers of the state for a considerable period, during which time he filled the

office of county supervisor. In 1893 he came to Adams county, settling in Little Blue township, where he owns one hundred and sixty acres of land, known as Rattlesnake Farm, it having derived its name from the fact that there were many rattlesnakes upon the place in the early days. He lived on the Little Blue property for about fifteen years and was accounted one of the most prominent and progressive stockmen of the neighborhood. He was widely and favorably known and was identified with the Farmers Alliance and with the populist movement. He helped organize and was president in 1912 of the Farmers Grain & Supply Company of Hastings and was very active in affairs of public concern. In his political views he is now a Bryan democrat. He continued to engage actively in agricultural pursuits until 1908, when he retired to Hastings, and in 1912 he removed with his wife to Long Beach, California, where they now make their home.

David B. Marti, the eldest of their children, attended district school No. 33 in Little Blue township, followed by study in the Hastings high school and in Hastings College. He remained on the home farm until the age of twenty years, at which time he began teaching in district school No. 33. In 1899 he became principal of the Holstein schools and in 1900 was made assistant instructor of science and mathematics in Hastings College. In 1901, however, he turned from the educational field to commercial life, and joined D. W. Ball in organizing the firm of Ball & Marti for the conduct of a book and stationery business, which they carried on until 1905. During the succeeding two years Mr. Marti was engaged in the real estate business in Hastings and in 1907 he became office manager of a wholesale and mail order house at Omaha. In 1911, however, he returned to Hastings, where he has since been engaged in the real estate business, a part of the time with the firm of Higgenbotham & Pickens and a part of the time in connection with his brother, R. E. Marti, under the firm style of Marti Brothers. They have conducted a general real estate, loan and insurance business, handling insurance of all kinds, and their operations extend all over western Nebraska. The firm is accorded a liberal clientage and is conducting an extensive business. They have erected a number of nice bungalows and cottages and are doing considerable speculative building, erecting buildings on the east side for sale, which they place upon the market at a reasonable price, selling at terms helpful to the purchaser. Their efforts have been an element in the material upbuilding of the city and Hastings has benefited by their operations in the real estate and loan field.

In 1899 David B. Marti was married to Miss Hettie J. Brown,

who was born in Richardson county, Nebraska, a daughter of Charles W. and Ida Brown, natives of Pennsylvania and of Ohio respectively. Her father homesteaded land in Richardson county at an early day and became a very active business man and extensive stock dealer of that county, widely known because of the importance of his business affairs and his active support of measures for the general good. In 1905 he removed to Hastings, where he now lives retired, but is still the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land in Adams county, from which he derives a gratifying annual income. He is also an active member of the Presbyterian church. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Marti are two sons, Lloyd and Paul.

In his political views Mr. Marti is an earnest democrat and is now serving as a member of the Hastings city council from the fourth ward. During his teaching days he was identified with the Adams County Democrat and the Hastings Tribune in connection with reportorial and advertising work. His activities have reached out along many lines and always to the benefit and betterment of the community in which he has lived. He is now president of the Church Federation, a teacher in the Sunday school and an active member of the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as an officer. He has done important and effective work in uplift campaigns, has been active in brotherhood work and, in fact, does everything in his power to promote the moral progress of the community, that the individual may have a better, broader scope for the exercise of his activities along lines of constructive effort.

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### CHARLES K. LAWSON.

No history of Hastings would be complete without extended reference to Charles K. Lawson, who is today the oldest retail merchant in the city in years of continuous connection with the business. He is familiar with every phase of the city's development and progress along commercial lines and his efforts have been of immense value in promoting the public welfare. He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, August 4, 1846, and was only two years of age when his father died, after which he made his home with his grandparents in Erie. He was but eleven years of age at the time of the death of his grandfather and was then thrown upon his own resources, since which time he has made his way in the world unaided, his success and advancement being attributable entirely to his own efforts. He



worked in a factory at making oars for two summers and in the winter months worked for his board and the privilege of attending school. He afterward engaged in driving teams which were used in hauling oil from Titusville. Ambitious to secure an education, he utilized every opportunity that would enable him to advance in that direction, and after mastering the work of the public and high schools continued his course in an academy at Waterford, Pennsylvania. In 1863 he went to Greene county, Illinois, where he was employed at farm work through the succeeding winter. He possessed considerable natural mechanical ingenuity and, removing to Oneida, Knox county, Illinois, there worked in a lumberyard for a year. He afterward clerked in a dry goods store for about a year, when, in connection with G. H. Pratt, he purchased the business. Energy, determination and industry stood them instead of capital and, concentrating their efforts upon their undertaking, they developed the trade and conducted the enterprise successfully.

In 1872 Mr. Lawson started out to find a new location and on the 13th of July, of that year, decided on Hastings. Much of the land in this part of the state was still in the possession of the government and the town had not yet been laid out. There had been a few homesteaders in the district in 1872 and Mr. Lawson believed that the country would develop rapidly and that there would be opportunity for the conduct of commercial interests at this point. Accordingly, Mr. Pratt shipped a carload of lumber from Rock Island and they built the first store on the town site. Samuel Alexander had already opened a store in a small shack, but Mr. Lawson's was the first regular store building within the limits of what is now the city of Hastings. His place of business was at the corner of First street and Hastings avenue. Mr. Pratt disposed of their store in Illinois and joined Mr. Lawson in Hastings in December, 1872. The two partners, with their clerk, A. H. Cramer, kept bachelors' hall over the store. Their building was a two story structure twenty-two by eighty feet, and they carried a stock of groceries, hardware, implements, stoves and other commodities needed in a pioneer community. The business was conducted under a partnership relation until 1877, when they divided their interests, Mr. Lawson taking over the lands owned by the firm, while Mr. Pratt had an equal amount in money. Following the division of their interests Mr. Lawson, in 1878, formed a partnership with C. J. Hamot and erected a good brick store building near Hastings avenue on Second street. There he opened a stock of hardware and continued the business as a partnership until 1881, when he purchased his partner's



interest and continued to carry on the store alone. In the meantime he had become interested in the cattle business, owning a big ranch on the Loup river in connection with Mr. Pratt. They were associated in that undertaking until 1890, when Mr. Lawson sold his interest in the cattle. In 1889 he established a branch store in Fairbury, Nebraska, and removed to that place in order to personally superintend the business and place it upon a substantial basis. After two years he sold out there and in 1891 returned to Hastings. He continued to engage in the hardware trade here for several years and then, on account of his health, disposed of his store. Two years later, however, he reentered mercantile circles, becoming proprietor of his present store, which he has since successfully conducted. There is not another retail merchant in Hastings who was in business here at the time of his arrival, leaving him the pioneer in his field in this county. His activities have covered a broad scope and have been rewarded with a large measure of success.

Mr. Lawson and his partner Mr. Pratt became connected with the Hastings Townsite Company, in which they owned an eighth interest, and from that time forward they have been identified with the development and growth of the city. They shipped the first carload of lumber to Hastings over the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and during the early days they conducted a very extensive business, their trade coming to them from a wide territory. Mr. Lawson still looks after his commercial interests and has followed most progressive methods throughout the years of his residence here.

On the 16th of September, 1874, Mr. Lawson was united in marriage to Miss Amy Ellis, a native of Greene county, Illinois, where she was reared and educated. They became the parents of four sons: Truman J., who is engaged in the hardware business at Rockland, Idaho; Ellis Gale and Arthur A., who are associated with their father in the conduct of the store at Hastings; and Marion C., who is engaged in the abstract and loan business at Malad City, Idaho.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Lawson is connected with the lodge, chapter and commandery of the Masonic fraternity at Hastings and with Sesostri's Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Lincoln. In his political views he is a republican, stalwart in his advocacy of party principles, yet never an office seeker. He is a splendidly preserved man, giving personal attention to his business, playing golf for recreation and taking an active part in everything that pertains to the welfare and progress of his district and community. He has witnessed the entire growth and development of the town and county and has contributed in large measure to

the development of Hastings, his life work being a substantial asset in its commercial progress. He has a very wide acquaintance throughout this part of the state and wherever known is held in the highest esteem.

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### WILLIAM JOHN FALK.

On the list of Hastings' honored dead appears the name of William John Falk and the deepest regret was felt throughout the community when he passed away. He was born in Iowa City, Iowa, on the 25th of December, 1859, his parents being John and Wilhelmina (Werner) Falk. The father was a shoe merchant and manufacturer who died when his son, William John, was but twelve years of age. The mother, however, long survived, passing away in 1913.

William J. Falk was educated in the public schools of his native city and made his initial step in the business world when a youth of sixteen years by securing employment in a clothing store there. From that time forward he was dependent upon his own resources and whatever success he achieved was attributable entirely to his earnest persistent labors. When twenty-five years of age he came to Nebraska, arriving in Hastings in 1885, at which time he engaged in the clothing business with Ed Bloom. There he continued until his death and remained one of the foremost merchants of the city, progressive, wide-awake, alert and enterprising. After four years his partner died, after which he purchased the interest in the business, which he conducted independently from that time until his own demise. He also conducted a store at Grand Island, Nebraska, for eight years, and his well defined plans and business methods wrought for success. He was one of the pioneer clothing merchants of his part of the state and throughout his entire career his business methods were such as would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

Mr. Falk was united in marriage to Miss Nellie D. Dowd, a daughter of Thomas James and Mary Jane Dowd, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Massachusetts. In 1855 they removed to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they resided until 1873, when they came to Nebraska, becoming pioneer residents of this part of the state. The father was a watchmaker and jeweler but his business activities were interrupted at the time of the Civil war, when he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company E, Third Wisconsin Infantry, with which he served for



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four years, the regiment being attached to the Army of the Potomac. He rendered valiant aid to the country and then at the close of the war resumed business as a jeweler. He possessed marked genius in that line and successfully conducted his business until his death, which occurred on the 20th of June, 1901. His widow survives at the age of seventy years. To Mr. and Mrs. Falk were born four children: George Edward, who is attending the Notre Dame University of Indiana; Margaret Mary, a student in Mount St. Mary's school at Omaha; and William John and Mary Jane, also attending school.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and in his fraternal relations Mr. Falk was an Elk, belonging to the lodge at Hastings. In politics he was a democrat but did not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He passed away on February 23, 1913, since which time his widow has disposed of both of the stores. He was a very successful man and ranked with the representative merchants of Hastings. He had many substantial and admirable qualities and his life and character were as clear as the sunlight. He constantly labored for the right and those who came in contact with him speedily appreciated him at his true worth.

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### C. L. MOSIER.

Among the well known general farmers of Juniata township is C. L. Mosier, who is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land on which he has lived for fifteen years, and the creditable appearance of the place is due to his industry and careful management. He was born September 25, 1874, in Adamsville, Cass county, Michigan, a son of Isaac and Susan (Conley) Mosier, who were natives of Pennsylvania and of Ohio respectively. They were married, however, in Michigan and in that state the father passed away. The paternal grandfather came from Lorraine, France, while the mother's people were of German lineage. Isaac Mosier devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits and his death occurred about six years ago. In the family were five sons, as follows: Theo, who is a resident of Adamsville, Michigan; Charles A., living in Miami, Florida; C. L., of this review; Leland, who makes his home in Berkeley, California; and Willard, of Adamsville, Michigan.

During his youthful days C. L. Mosier, residing upon the home farm, divided his time between the work of the fields and the

acquirement of a common school education. When fifteen years of age he made his way to Nebraska and was employed for some time as a farm hand, but he was ambitious and energetic, practiced close economy as well as industry and in the course of time had earned enough to enable him to purchase property. He became owner of his present place fifteen years ago and now has one hundred and sixty acres of good land which he devotes to general farming. His methods are practical and progressive and his desire to make a good home for his family is manifest in the improvements which he has put upon his place. He is also connected with the Farmers Grain Company of Juniata.

In 1900 Mr. Mosier was united in marriage to Miss Ethel M. Savery, who is the eldest daughter of Henry R. and Eliza (Van Houten) Savery. Her father is of English lineage and is a descendant of Elder William Brewster and Richard Warren, who came over in the Mayflower, and also of Zachariah Whiteman, of Revolutionary fame. The mother is of Dutch lineage and the Van Houten family was established in Dutchess county, New York, in the early days of this country. Mr. and Mrs. Savery are still living in the old home at Juniata. Mr. and Mrs. Mosier have two sons and two daughters: Ethel M. and Rex T., of Juniata; and George C. and Donna B., of Los Angeles, California.

In his political views Mr. Mosier is independent, voting according to the dictates of his judgment. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen lodge at Juniata and his influence is always cast on the side of improvement and advancement. He is ever willing to aid in movements for the general good and at the same time he has led a busy and useful life in the conduct of his farming interests.

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#### WILLIS P. McCREARY.

Willis P. McCreary, distinguished as an able criminal lawyer, well known as a sportsman and esteemed in all circles by reason of his genuine worth, his public spirit and his activity in behalf of the general welfare, was born in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, November 8, 1854, his parents being Pearson and Nancy (Dean) McCreary. The father, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1832, was a drover and stock buyer by occupation. He died in 1856 and the mother was again married in 1859. In 1865 the family removed to Lee county, Iowa, where the stepfather of our subject engaged in

general farming. The mother, who was born in 1833, met death in the memorable railroad wreck at Chatsworth, Illinois, in 1887.

Willis P. McCreary was a lad of eleven years at the time of the removal of the family to Lee county, Iowa, where he attended the district schools. Later he became a student in the academy at Denmark, Iowa, and prepared for a professional career as a law student in the State University, from which he was graduated on the 28th of June, 1876. He had left the farm when seventeen years of age and had engaged in school teaching, also employing other methods in order to earn the money that would enable him to pursue his law course. On the 14th of July, 1876, he opened a law office in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he remained until 1884, when he came to Hastings and has here since followed his profession. In 1887 he formed a partnership under the firm style of Capps, McCreary & Stevens, but his partners have both passed away, and Mr. McCreary remained alone in practice until 1912, when he admitted E. E. Danly to a partnership under the firm style of McCreary & Danly, an association that is still in existence. For three terms Mr. McCreary filled the office of prosecuting attorney for Adams county and he has always been accorded a large and distinctively representative clientage, for he displays marked ability in presenting his cause before the courts. He possesses superior oratorical powers and is regarded as the most eloquent lawyer practicing at the Hastings bar. His practice extends all over southwestern Nebraska and he has been connected with some of the most important cases tried in the courts of the state.

On the 1st of January, 1878, Mr. McCreary was united in marriage at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Miss Mary B. Greene, who was born in that city and is a daughter of William and Louisa (Higley) Greene, who were natives of England and of Connecticut respectively. Mr. Greene and his brother George, who was afterward judge of the supreme court of Iowa, went to Cedar Rapids in an early day from Buffalo, New York, and opened the first store in the former city. They afterward made their way to Colorado and opened up mines at Silverton, hauling the machinery for a smelter on pack mules over the range from Durango, Colorado. Subsequently they returned to Cedar Rapids and William Greene was active in financial circles there. He became a prime mover in the building of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad and was associated with the freight department of that road at a time when one of his fellow employes was A. L. Mohler, now the president of the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

To Mr. and Mrs. McCreary have been born four children, Willis M., who is engaged in general merchandising at Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, is married and has one child. Mary and Dorothy are at home. James R. is a graduate of the State Manual Training Normal School at Pittsburg, Kansas, and is now engaged in teaching manual training in the schools of Hastings and is also operating a farm. He is married.

Mr. McCreary was reared in the Quaker faith. He is active in the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is a recognized leader in the ranks of the republican party. He served as president of the Republican Club of Nebraska in 1896 and was very active in that campaign. He also did much work all over the state under the direction of the state central committee in the campaign of 1900 and his words of eloquence and learning never fail to carry weight and in many cases bring conviction. He is a lover of good horses, always enjoys good clean sport and, in a word, his is a well rounded character, in which business and pleasure maintain an even balance. In the practice of law he has made steady progress and, while nature endowed him with the gift of oratory, he has never depended upon it to sway juries but has always carefully prepared his cases and bases his arguments upon the law applicable to the point at issue.

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### HARRY CLAY HAVERLY.

Harry Clay Haverly, well known as a politician, has been very active in public affairs in Adams county for many years and has filled various offices, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity. He is also well known in business circles as one of the organizers of the Hastings Building & Loan Association, of which he is now the president. In his entire career he has made it his purpose never to neglect the duty at hand for some other task and his loyalty and fidelity have been ever recognized as salient features in his career. Mr. Haverly is a native of Pennsylvania, having been borne at Bellefonte on the 25th of December, 1858, his parents being Francis S. and Hannah (Poorman) Haverly, who were also natives of the Keystone state. The father is still a resident of Bellefonte and has attained an advanced age, having been born in 1833. The mother, who was born in 1836, died in 1876. For many years Francis S. Haverly was general foreman of an axe factory at Bellefonte and became the owner of considerable land and real estate



in that locality. He also took a helpful interest in public affairs, served as a member of the town board, and has been quite active as a member of the Methodist church. He is now enjoying a rest that he has truly earned and richly deserves.

Harry Clay Haverly is the eldest child in his father's family and in the public schools of Bellefonte pursued his education. After leaving home he was employed in a factory, store and office. In 1879 he came to Nebraska, at which time Hastings contained a population of about two thousand. Here he acted as clerk in the store of F. J. Benedict for six or eight months and in 1880 went to Culbertson, Nebraska, as manager for a store owned by the firm of Benedict & Mowrey, the location being sixty miles from the railroad on the Texas trail in the cow country. He saw buffaloes killed in that district and watched big stampedes. In the fall of 1880 he returned to the store in Hastings and in 1884 became a partner in the grocery firm which then operated under the name of the Benedict Company. He was called to public office in 1888, when he was elected city clerk, which position he filled for four years. In 1892 he was appointed deputy county treasurer and in 1899 became a candidate for the office of county treasurer, but was defeated by fifteen votes. In 1900 he accepted the position of bookkeeper with the firm of McKinley & Lanning and in 1901 was appointed steward at the Hastings Asylum by Governor Dietrich, and was reappointed in 1903 by Governor Michey, who again named him for that position in 1905, while in 1907 he was appointed to the same office by Governor Sheldon. He thus served until December 1, 1907, when he resigned and became connected with the Bostwick Hotel, but in June, 1913, sold his interest in that business and was appointed deputy clerk. In the meantime he had assisted in organizing the Hastings Building & Loan Association in 1896 and is now its president. This is one of the strong financial concerns of the county and has constituted an important element in furthering public progress.

In 1886, at Hastings, Mr. Haverly was married to Miss Carrie Calvert, a native of Wisconsin, who died in the year 1913. Her parents were Alfred and Elizabeth Calvert, who on coming to Nebraska settled in Highland township, Adams county, where the father secured a homestead claim and entered upon the active work of the farm. Afterward he removed to Hastings and became agent for the St. Paul mills, which he thus represented for many years. He was a Civil war veteran, going to the front with a Wisconsin regiment, and he afterward became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Haverly was very prominent in the social circles of the city and

was also deeply interested in civic affairs. She possessed many attractive qualities which won her personal popularity so that her death was deeply regretted. To Mr. and Mrs. Haverly were born two sons: Cecil F., who is city salesman with a wholesale dental supply house in Minneapolis; and Ernest S., attending high school.

In his political views Mr. Haverly has ever been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and is a recognized leader in the local ranks of the party. He served as chairman of the county central committee from 1911 until 1915 and has been active in every campaign during the past thirty years. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, holding membership in the lodge, the chapter and the council, while in the consistory he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, becoming a charter member of Lodge No. 159, and he has also been a member of the Grand Lodge of Elks. He is a charter member of Hastings Lodge, No. 28, K. P., and of Delhi Temple, No. 109, D. O. K. K. He likewise has membership with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Royal Highlanders and the Loyal Mystic Legion of America. His religious belief is that of the Episcopal church, in which he is serving as vestryman, and he takes an active interest in furthering its cause and extending its influence. His activities have touched various interests of society and his influence has ever been on the side of progress, reform and improvement.

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### GRIFFITH EVANS.

Griffith Evans is now living retired in Hastings. His has been an active life and his present rest is well deserved. He was born at Beddgelert, in North Wales, on the 14th of January, 1849, and is a son of Owen and Catherine Evans, the former a farmer by occupation. Both, however, are now deceased. After attending the public schools of his native land Griffith Evans continued his education in the normal college at Bangor, in North Wales, and then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in England for ten years. He was a young man of about thirty-four years when he crossed the Atlantic to Nebraska, arriving in 1883. Here he resumed teaching, becoming connected with the schools of Adams county. He was thus engaged until 1908, when he was called to public office, having been

elected county assessor. In 1896 he paid a visit to his old country, thus renewing the friendships of his youth.

On the 9th of February, 1910, Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Mrs. Sarah E. Kelley, the widow of Absalom H. Kelley and the daughter of Abner Coates. He gives his political allegiance to the democracy, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. As the years passed by Mr. Evans made investment in farm lands and his property now returns to him a gratifying annual income, enabling him to live retired. His was an active life in former years and he contributed much to the educational development of the districts in which he labored. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world to try his fortune, for here he found favorable opportunities and in their improvement has gradually worked his way upward, gaining thereby the competence which enables him to rest from further business cares and yet enjoy all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life.

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### FRED STULKEN.

Fred Stulken, a resident of Hastings, is a self-made man and as such is entitled to the honor which is always given to the man possessing enterprise, self-reliance and sound judgment. He has devoted his life to farming and now owns five hundred and sixty acres of fine land in Adams county, the operation of which, however, he leaves to others as he has retired and is enjoying a period of leisure. He was born in Germany on the 25th of October, 1844, and attended the common schools until he was fourteen years of age. For eight years thereafter he worked as a farm hand in Germany but in 1870 removed to Freeport, Illinois. He was in the employ of others in that vicinity for seven years, after which he came to Adams county, Nebraska. For four years he operated a rented farm three miles east of Hastings and at the end of that time had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to purchase land four miles northeast of Hastings, which his youngest son, August, is now farming. For many years, however, he devoted his time and energy to the operation of his farm and year by year his well directed labors yielded him a good financial return. In 1903 he removed to Hastings, where he has since lived in honorable retirement. He holds title to five hundred and sixty acres of as fine land as there is in the county and is a man of independent means.

Mr. Stulken was married in 1875 to Miss Helene Lammers, who had emigrated to this country from Germany only a short time previously. They have become the parents of eight children. Helene, who was born February 21, 1876, is now the wife of Luke Buskirk, of Hastings, an employe of the Union Pacific Railroad. Four children have been born to this union. Mr. Buskirk also has two children by a former marriage. Henry, who was born September 29, 1877, is farming three miles east of Doniphan. He married Nattie Olthoff, of Hall county, by whom he has three children. Anna, whose birth occurred on the 28th of April, 1879, is the wife of William Bloomenkamp, a farmer of Key county, and they have six children. August, who was born June 16, 1881, is farming the homestead. He married Miss Lorena Finningsmier, a daughter of Henry Finningsmier, who is living retired in Hastings, and two children have been born to this union. Mary, born September 21, 1883, married George Filges, who was formerly of St. Louis but is now farming six miles northeast of Hastings. They have one child. Hermine, who was born on the 8th of March, 1886, married William Molle, an employe at the waterworks in Hastings, and one child has been born to their union. Eliza, born February 10, 1888, married L. Ellsworth, an employe of the Manhattan Oil Company, and their children are two in number. Fredericka, born January 14, 1894, is at home.

Mr. Stulken is a member of St. Paul's German Lutheran church and has guided his life by high moral standards. He is independent in politics, refusing to bind himself by party ties. Both he and his wife are still vigorous and in good health and are enjoying leisure made possible by their labor in former years. They are well and favorably known not only in Hastings but throughout the county and the part which they have played in the development of their part of the county is generally recognized.

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#### JACOB RUHTER.

Jacob Ruhter, who resides in Verona township, has been very successful as a farmer and now holds title to eight hundred acres of excellent land. He was born in Hanover, Germany, on the 25th of June, 1852, of the marriage of Henry and Mary (Banidt) Ruhter, both natives of that country. In 1867 they emigrated to the United States with their family, locating at Red Wing, Minnesota, where

the father passed away. The mother's demise, however, occurred in Kansas. They were the parents of the following children: John, who resides in the vicinity of Roseland, this county; Peter, who lives in Long Beach, California; Jacob; Mary, the deceased wife of Henry Augustin, Sr., of this county; Meta, the wife of Fred C. Alms, of York county, Nebraska; Henry, of Hastings, Nebraska, who owns a well improved farm in this county; George, who lives in Sidney, Cheyenne county, this state; Anna, the wife of John Stahr, who is living in Burke, South Dakota; William, of Norfolk, Nebraska; Fred, of Clay Center, Kansas; and Emma, also a resident of that place.

Jacob Ruhter attended the public schools of Hanover until he was fourteen and a half years old, or until 1867, when he was brought by his parents to the United States. He resided with them in Red Wing, Minnesota, until 1878 and during part of that time was engaged in blacksmithing. In the year mentioned he came to Nebraska and located on section 29, Verona township, Adams county. For five years he operated that place and then removed across the road to his present farm on section 20. He has made excellent improvements upon the place, which is one of the most valuable farms of the locality, and keeps everything in the best of condition. He has purchased additional land from time to time and his holdings now comprise eight hundred acres. He engages in general farming, raising both grain and stock, and derives a handsome income from his land. For many years he has also operated a threshing outfit and this has likewise proved a profitable venture. He is also interested financially in the Farmers Mutual Elevator Company at Prosser.

Mr. Ruhter was married on the 16th of February, 1883, to Miss Kate Meyer and they have become the parents of seven children, namely: William Henry, who died in infancy; George F., of Verona township; Herman O. and Albert R., also residing in that township; Lilia, the wife of Frank Bockstadter, of Verona township; and Emil Peter and Erwin Henry, both at home.

Mr. Ruhter is independent in politics, refusing to follow the dictates of party leaders but voting for the candidates whom he deems best fitted for office. For twenty-seven consecutive years he has served as a member of the school board and he has always used his influence to secure the educational advancement of his district. He and his family belong to the German Lutheran church in Verona township and for nine years he was a member of the official board. The principles which have governed his conduct in all relations of life are found in the teachings of the church and no movement mak-

ing for righteousness has lacked his support. He had no unusual advantages in his youth and began his career without capital but he has been quick to recognize and utilize opportunities and has gained financial independence.

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### WILLIAM H. DILLON.

William H. Dillon is proprietor of the lunch room at the Burlington depot in Hastings, in which connection he is maintaining a well appointed establishment, catering to the needs of the traveling public, recognizing the fact that promptness, efficiency, cleanliness and good foods are salient elements in the attainment of success along the line of his chosen business. He was born in Delaware county, Iowa, on the 16th of December, 1840, a son of Gilbert D. and Mary (Schoonover) Dillon, who were natives of New York. It was in the year 1836 that the father removed westward to Iowa, then a part of the territory of Wisconsin, and established the first bank at Dubuque. He was prominently identified with the pioneer development of the state and was a leading factor in financial circles in the early days. He died in 1874, while his wife survived only until 1875. In their family were eight children, of whom William H. is the third in order of birth.

During his youthful days William H. Dillon assisted in the farm work and attended the district schools. He afterward continued his education in a college at Epworth and in 1864 began clerking in a dry goods store in Dubuque, where he was employed for three years. He afterward returned to the farm, on which he spent the succeeding period of two years, when he resumed active connection with the dry goods trade at Worthington, Iowa, conducting business at that point for two years. He then sold out and devoted nine years to the insurance business, being special agent and collector for the Watertown Fire Insurance Company. In 1879 he engaged in the grocery business at Hopkinton, Iowa, where he remained until 1883, when he came to Nebraska. Here he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on the Indian Reservation and afterward sold that property, removing to Hastings in August, 1885. Here he resumed active connection with the insurance business, in which he engaged until February, 1886, when he became interested in hotel life, conducting the New England House for one year. He likewise conducted the Commercial Hotel for two years and in February, 1889,

took charge of the Bostwick, which he managed for twenty-two years. He now conducts the lunch counter at the Burlington depot to keep in active touch with business, for indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature and he would not be content without some active interest in the city. He is also the owner of farm lands and from his property derives a substantial annual income. He has always led a very busy life and his unfaltering industry, intelligently directed, has brought to him the substantial measure of success which has crowned his efforts.

In 1871 Mr. Dillon was united in marriage in Iowa to Miss Nellie Hayward, a daughter of the Rev. W. H. and Lydia Hayward, and unto them has been born a daughter, Mrs. Grace G. Stitt, who now has one son, Harold. Mrs. Dillon is a member of the Congregational church and is quite active in both club and church circles in this city, formerly serving as president of the Women's Club of Hastings. In his political views Mr. Dillon is a republican but is not an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his individual interests, whereby he has won a substantial measure of success. His plans have always been carefully formulated and promptly executed and he has allowed no obstacle nor difficulty to bar his path if it could be overcome by persistent, earnest and honorable effort.

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### ROBERT R. MORLEDGE.

Robert R. Morledge, who is living retired in Hastings, is well known and highly esteemed there and for about ten years served as justice of the peace. His birth occurred in Jennings county, Indiana, on the 16th of July, 1840, and he is a son of John R. and Maria Louise (Branham) Morledge, the former a native of England. He was reared at home and received his education in the public schools of Indiana, which he attended until he was sixteen or seventeen years old. He removed westward to Iowa when eighteen years of age and located at Clarinda, where he remained until the 11th of July, 1861. On that date he enlisted in the Fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and went to the front with that command. He took part in the battle of Pea Ridge and in 1863 was honorably discharged for disability. He desired to be of some service to his country, however, and went into the commissary department, in which he remained until the close of the war. He then returned to Clarinda, Iowa, and remained there



until 1871, during which time he engaged in the grocery business. In 1873 he came to Hastings, Adams county, Nebraska, and became identified with business circles as the owner of the leading store in the town. He built the Morledge block, which he occupied for a time, after which he sold out, and then engaged in the furniture business for about eight months. On disposing of his interests in that connection he turned his attention to the real estate and insurance field, in which he was active until 1898. He was then elected justice of the peace and with the exception of three years, which he spent in California, he held that office continuously until 1910, his repeated reelection indicating the high esteem in which he is held. Since 1911 he has lived retired from the cares of business and official life, enjoying a period of leisure which is well deserved. He was farsighted and progressive as a merchant, was impartial as justice of the peace and as a citizen has always sought to advance the public interests.

On the 13th of October, 1863, Mr. Morledge was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe J. McMullen, a daughter of Stephen and Phoebe (Loy) McMullen, both natives of Ohio. Three sons and three daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Morledge, namely: Effa and Fred, both deceased; Burt, who is living at home; Edgar Robert and Lula, both deceased; and Ina Evelyn, who is the wife of Bruce Brown, of North Platte, and has two children, Robert J. and Dorothy Jane.

Mr. Morledge supports the republican party at the polls and in addition to holding the office of justice of the peace was for two terms a member of the town board and for one term a member of the school board. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. Through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic he keeps in touch with others who went to the defense of the Union and he has at all times been characterized by patriotism. He began his career empty handed but his industry and good management have been rewarded and he is now in excellent financial circumstances.

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### RAYMOND CROSSON.

On the list of city officials in Hastings appears the name of Raymond Crosson, now the efficient chief of police, holding to high standards of service and looking ever to the advancement of the municipal welfare. A native of Illinois, he was born at Arrowsmith, on Christmas Day, 1887, his parents being Martin J. and Ida (Edwards) Crosson. The family came to Nebraska about 1888 and the



parents are now residents of Hastings. In his youthful days Raymond Crosson devoted his attention to the acquirement of an education in the public and high schools of Trumbull, Nebraska, and later he became connected with a threshing outfit. Following his marriage he was appointed to the position of manager of the Farmers Grain Elevator at Farmers, in which connection he continued for five years. He afterward purchased the collection business conducted under the name of the Nebraska State Mercantile Agency and remained active in that field until appointed chief of police of Hastings, the duties of which position he assumed on the 13th of April, 1915, the appointment coming to him from Mayor Madgett. He is making an excellent record in the office, the duties of which he is discharging promptly and fearlessly.

On the 28th of October, 1908, Mr. Crosson was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Moore, of Hall county, a daughter of Joel N. Moore, and their children are Mildred and Raymond. The family are Protestants in religious faith and in his political views Mr. Crosson is an earnest republican, putting forth effective and earnest effort to advance the interests and growth of his party. He belongs to the blue lodge of Masons, to the Woodmen of the World and the Modern Woodmen of America and is well known in connection with military interests of the state, having long been identified with the National Guard. He enlisted in the Hastings Rifles on the 2d of July, 1906, when the company was formed, and was promoted to the rank of corporal on the 2d of August, of that year. He became sergeant in May, 1907, first sergeant in February, 1908, and on the 1st of August of that year the Rifles were mustered into Company D, of the second regiment of the Nebraska National Guard. In February, 1909, Mr. Crosson was made second lieutenant and on the resignation of Captain Boggs and First Lieutenant H. R. Brown he was placed in command of Company D and so continued until February, 1910, when Captain Riffe was appointed to the command of the company and Mr. Crosson was made first lieutenant. On the 2d of April, 1912, Mr. Crosson was promoted to captain and took command, and in February, 1915, he was advanced to the rank of major. He has attended all camp maneuvers, officers' schools and rifle competitions and he had command of a district in Omaha at the time of the tornado in 1913, when for a great period the city was under martial law to protect the interests of those who were rendered homeless. In recognition of his services to the state at that time he was presented with a medal. He has a very wide acquaintance in military circles throughout the state and is prominent in that connection. He is a man of fine military bearing,

straight and erect, ready to command and yet never over hasty in issuing orders but recognizing at all times the exigencies of a situation. The same qualities render him a most commendable official in his present position as chief of police in Hastings.

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### C. C. CHRISTOPHER.

Prominent among the energetic, farsighted and successful business men of Hastings is C. C. Christopher, the manager of the Hastings Equity Grain Bin Company. He is strong and purposeful, ready to meet any condition or emergency that arises and along the well defined lines of trade and commerce is gaining substantial success. He was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, on the 17th of March, 1857, and is a son of William C. and Mary (Reeves) Christopher. The father was a farmer by occupation and thus provided for the support of his family, which numbered four sons and two daughters, but both he and his wife are now deceased.

C. C. Christopher was educated in the public schools and when his textbooks were put aside continued to remain with and assist his father until he reached the age of twenty-seven years. He was then married and removed to Iowa, where he remained for two years, on the expiration of which period he became a resident of Hall county, Nebraska. There he purchased land and engaged in farming until 1908, when he came to Hastings, where he purchased land and built a home. In 1910 he became connected with the Hastings Equity Grain Bin Company as manager. In fact he was one of the organizers of the company, which does job work in sheet metal and also shop work all over the state and also into southeastern Illinois, Wyoming, Kansas, Colorado and South Dakota. This is one of the important productive industries of Hastings, employing twenty-five men. They manufacture tanks for every need, including garages, grain bins, underground gasoline systems, for water, milk, oil, grain, also dipping, wagon, scalding, thresher, cistern, tower and supply tanks. They have a large and well appointed plant at Hastings, comprising the manufacturing building and the warehouse. Their tanks are manufactured from the best grade of material obtainable and are rust proof. The tanks which they manufacture show many points of excellence over others and by reason of this their business is constantly and steadily growing, having already reached gratifying proportions.

On the 31st of January, 1883, Mr. Christopher was united in marriage to Miss Maggie E. Price, a daughter of W. H. Price, of New Jersey. They have four children, namely: Edward; Edith, who is the wife of W. B. Brown; May, who assists her father in his plant; and Vern. The religious faith of the family is that of the Evangelical church.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Christopher is an Odd Fellow and is also connected with the Knights of Luther. He belongs to the Commercial Club and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. For twenty-one years he served as township treasurer, was also a member of the school board for some time and has been township clerk. He is now concentrating his efforts, however, upon his business affairs, which are capably directed and are bringing to him gratifying returns. He works hard, closely applies himself to the interests of the business, studies out new methods and improvements and is continually advancing the standard of excellence maintained by the house.

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### JOHN RUHTER.

John Ruhter, who has gained financial independence through wisely directing his farming activities, now holds title to five hundred acres of excellent land in Roseland township. He was born in Hanover, Germany, near the city of Hamburg, on the 24th of February, 1850, of the marriage of Henry and Mary (Banidt) Ruhter, who were born and reared in that locality. They continued to reside there until 1866, when with their family they came to the United States, locating in Minnesota, fifty miles east of St. Paul, where the father died. Subsequently the mother removed to Kansas and there she passed away. They were the parents of eleven children, as follows: John; Peter, who is living in Long Beach, California; Jacob, a resident of Verona township; Mary, the deceased wife of Henry Augustin, Sr., who is living near Prosser; Mattie, who married Fred Alms, of York county, Nebraska; Henry, of Hastings; George, who is living in Cheyenne county, Nebraska; Anna, the wife of John Stehr, of Gregory county, South Dakota; William, of Norfolk, Nebraska; Fred, of Clay county, Kansas; and Emma, who is residing with her brother Fred.

John Ruhter was educated in the public schools of Germany and of Minnesota and remained at home until 1874. In the meantime he

had been thoroughly trained in agricultural work and on beginning his independent career he came to Adams county, Nebraska, and purchased his present home farm on section 5, Roseland township, which was raw prairie when it came into his possession. He at once set about its development and has brought the land to a high state of cultivation and has made many fine improvements. There are two sets of buildings upon the place, which now comprises five hundred and eighty acres, and his work is facilitated by the use of the most up-to-date implements. He has manifested the qualities of determination, foresight, thoroughness and thrift and the signal success which he has gained as an agriculturist is the direct result of his own industry and good management.

In 1879 Mr. Ruhter married Miss Katie Schifferns, a daughter of Peter and Susie (Pauly) Schifferns, who came to this state from Illinois in 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Ruhter have had ten children: Susie, who died when two years old; P. H., a resident of Hall county, Nebraska; Emma, the wife of Charles Oldfeldt, who is farming in Cottonwood township; Ada, who married Fred Tauty, of Verona township; Fred, at home; Amelia, the wife of William Struss, who is living near Kenesaw; Caroline, the deceased wife of Richard Struss; and Charles, August and Anna, all at home.

Mr. Ruhter casts his ballot in favor of the man whom he deems best suited for the office regardless of his political allegiance. He has served as school director for the past thirty-eight years and during that time has been instrumental in bringing about great advancement in school affairs in his district. Both he and his wife hold membership in the German Lutheran church and their lives are guided by its teachings. For forty-two years he has been a resident of this county and he is not only widely but is also favorably known, his genuine worth being attested by all who have come in contact with him.

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### SIMEON JOHNSTON.

Simeon Johnston makes his home in Juniata, where he assisted in building the first house of the town, arriving here with the first load of lumber which was brought from Grand Island. His original place of residence was a little sod house, while his present home is one of the finest in the town. For a considerable period he engaged in general farming and at the present is living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He was born near Mount Jackson in Lawrence



MR. AND MRS. SIMEON JOHNSTON



county, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1844, a son of David and Margaret (McGeithen) Johnston, who spent their entire lives in the Keystone state, both passing away about the time of the Civil war. The father followed the occupation of farming and thus provided for his family of four children, of whom the three eldest, Eliza Ann, Margaret and John, are all now deceased.

Simeon Johnston, the only survivor of the family, pursued his education in the common schools of Pennsylvania and was reared to farm life, having the usual experiences that come to the farm lad as he divides his time between the work of the schoolroom and the work of the fields. At the outbreak of the Civil war he attempted to enlist but was not accepted. Finally, however, on the 5th of September, 1862, he was permitted to join the army and enlisted for three years, serving until the close of the war. He was taken prisoner at Millwood, Virginia, December 17, 1864, and was not exchanged until the following March. On one occasion his horse was shot from under him and fell upon him, from which he suffers a rupture to the present time. He was a member of Company B, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and with that command participated in the battles of Rocky Gap, Cedar Creek and a large number of skirmishes with the troops of General Sheridan. After being captured he was in the prison at Richmond, Virginia, for three months and his health was greatly undermined by the hardships of southern prison life, necessitating a period of rest in which to recuperate after the close of the war.

Mr. Johnston continued to live in Pennsylvania until 1868, when he removed to Clinton county, Michigan, where he engaged in farming until the spring of 1871, when he removed to Nebraska and homesteaded the southwest quarter of section 18, Denver township, Adams county. With the development and progress of the county he has since been closely identified. From Grand Island he hauled the first load of lumber into Juniata and assisted in erecting the first building here. On his own claim he built a sod house, planted trees and put out an orchard, but during the grasshopper plague the insects took the orchard and killed the trees. In 1874, however, he planted another orchard and he continued the work of further developing and improving his property until he had converted it into a very valuable and productive farm. He broke his land with ox teams and for four years continued to do his farm work with oxen before he was able to purchase a team of horses. He started out practically empty handed but he was industrious and ambitious and made good use of his opportunities, while his persistent labors year by year enabled him to progress steadily toward the goal of success. He is still the owner



of one hundred and sixty acres of land—the old homestead place in Denver township—and he continued to carry on general farming until nine years ago, when he took up his abode in the town of Juniata, where he now owns a fine residence which he occupies and also the adjoining house.

Mr. Johnston has been twice married. In December, 1867, he wedded Miss Margaret P. McCollum, by whom he had five children, as follows: Joseph, who is deceased; Alfred, a resident of Fullerton, California; Harry C., living in Vancouver, Washington; Jessie, who died in the '80s; and Earl, who is a resident of Juniata. The wife and mother passed away February 1, 1905, and in the following year Mr. Johnston was again married, his second union being with Mrs. D. R. Ball, the widow of D. R. Ball, who was born in Henry county, Indiana. He served for three years and ten months as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war and he continued his residence in his native state until 1880, when he came to Juniata. To Mr. and Mrs. Ball were born five children, namely: Cora, who is the wife of George Bivins and lives a mile south of Juniata; Mary E., who gave her hand in marriage to G. N. Munger, of Hastings, Nebraska; Cloyd S., a resident of Spirit Lake, Idaho; and Wilbur and Olive, both of whom are deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are members of the Baptist church and he holds membership in the Grand Army post at Juniata. Their influence is always on the side of progress and improvement, of truth and of right and their well spent lives have gained for them the warm and enduring regard of many friends. As pioneer settlers of the county they have witnessed practically its entire development, Mr. Johnston having made his home within the borders of Adams county for about forty-five years, during which he has seen notable changes as the wild land has been converted into productive farms, as towns and villages have sprung up and as all the advantages of the older east have been introduced.

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#### ALEXANDER H. CRAMER.

Alexander H. Cramer is a pioneer resident of Hastings and one of the leading real estate and loan agents of the city, handling both farm and town property. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception and forms his plans readily, while his close application to business and his excellent judgment have brought to him the high

degree of prosperity which is today his. A native of New York, he was born in the city of Utica, January 31, 1852, and was four years of age when the family removed to Wisconsin, settling on a farm in Waushara county. There he attended the public schools until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he removed to Oneida, Knox county, Illinois, where he had two brothers living. There he spent nine months a year as a high school pupil for about four years and during vacation periods worked upon farms or engaged in clerking. During a part of the last year he was employed in the store of Pratt & Lawson, the owners of the business being George H. Pratt and Charles K. Lawson, who on selling out came to what is now the city of Hastings. Wishing to retain the services of Mr. Cramer, they induced him also to come to the west and he arrived in this city on the 1st of October, 1872, assisting his employers in the erection of their store building and afterward continuing with them as a clerk. All three were young men and they kept "bachelors' hall" over the store during that winter, Mr. Cramer doing the cooking while the others furnished the food. This arrangement proved very satisfactory to the three and there were pleasant hours spent in that way.

In the spring of 1873 Mr. Cramer began working in a lumber yard as it was his desire to have outdoor employment, which he hoped would prove beneficial to his health. On the 13th of April, 1873, a terrific snow storm occurred accompanied by high and violent winds. The storm raged for three days and three nights and Mr. Cramer says no other such storm has occurred during all of the forty-four years of his residence in Nebraska. The country was then sparsely settled, so that the homes were few and far between and several people were lost in the blizzard. Mr. Cramer continued to work in the lumber yard until December of that year and in the month of October was elected county clerk of Adams county, assuming the duties of the position in the following January. Under the law of that time the county clerk was also ex-officio register of deeds and district clerk. He was reelected in 1875 and again in 1877, serving in all for six years, making a most creditable record by the prompt and capable manner in which he discharged his duties. In 1874 he secured a contract with the Union Pacific Railroad Company to sell their lands and the clerk of the court was authorized to make out applications and final proofs of homesteads, preemptions and tree claims and transmit them to the government land office, which was a great convenience to the homesteaders, obviating the necessity of their making a trip to the land office. Mr. Cramer sold large tracts of Union Pacific Railway lands, ranging in price from three to eight dollars per acre. In 1879

the clerk of the district court was made an independent office separate from the city and Mr. Cramer was elected to the position and served for four years, at the same time continuing his real estate business. He continued in business altogether for ten years and his experience during that period well qualified him to engage in the real estate, loan and abstract business, to which he turned his attention in January, 1885. However, he had begun making farm loans in 1875 and has since continued active along that line. His first loans were made at twelve per cent interest and twenty per cent commission. In January, 1912, he sold his interest in the abstract and real estate business, maintaining his interest in the loan business, which he still conducts. He places loans on farm and city property and he is thoroughly conversant with real estate values and with the financial standing of the majority of Adams county's citizens, so that his business is most carefully conducted, insuring him against loss.

On the 13th of October, 1874, Mr. Cramer was united in marriage to Miss Ella E. Cox, a native of Indiana, who came to this county in August, 1873, with her parents, having acquired her education in the schools of her native state. Mr. and Mrs. Cramer have become the parents of two children: Edna, now Mrs. Henry F. Jacobson, of Hastings; and Mabel, at home.

In his political views Mr. Cramer is a republican and served as a member of the first board of education in Hastings in 1881, at which time there were but three members on the board, which now numbers nine. He acted in that capacity for nine years, and during four years of that time served as secretary. He was also supervisor during the years 1888 and 1889 and for eleven years was city treasurer. Over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong nor suspicion of evil, for he has ever been most loyal to the interests reposed in him and has discharged his duties in a prompt and business-like manner. Fraternally he is connected with Hastings Lodge, No. 50, A. F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He was also a charter member of the Knights of Pythias lodge and his wife and daughters are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Cramer's career is a notable and commendable one. He had a cash capital of but fourteen dollars and a half when he arrived in Hastings and, moreover, was suffering from ill health. He came to a frontier district in which the work of development and progress seemed scarcely begun. He has since taken an active part in the work of the upbuilding and improvement of city and county, cooperating in all plans and measures which look to the welfare and betterment of the community. As time has gone on he has become

the owner of considerable city property and has laid out the east side addition. He is truly a self-made man and one who deserves great credit for what he has accomplished in a business way. His social qualities have gained him personal popularity, winning for him the friendship and kindly regard of all with whom he has been associated, and as one of the honored pioneer residents he well deserves mention in a history of Adams county.

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### GEORGE H. POULSON.

George H. Poulson is now living retired from active business life but for a considerable period was identified with general agricultural pursuits and in the capable management of his business affairs won a substantial measure of success. He remained upon his farm until September, 1915, when, putting aside all business activities, he took up his abode in Hastings. He was born in McLean county, Illinois, on the 1st of March, 1867. His father, Peter Poulson, was born and reared in Pickaway county, Ohio, his natal day being December 24, 1833. He was married in 1857 to Matilda Messie, of Pickaway county, where he engaged in farming until 1864, when he removed to Illinois, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1892. That year witnessed his arrival in Adams county, Nebraska, after which he engaged in farming about ten miles northeast of Hastings. His wife died in 1907 and subsequently he lived with his children until the time of his death, which occurred September 26, 1914. He had sons and daughters to the number of ten. John, who was born August 17, 1859, married Bertha Reed, of Iroquois county, Illinois, and they have seven children. Andrew L., born January 2, 1861, married Mollie Carter, of Iroquois county, Illinois, by whom he has two children, and now makes his home near Overton, Nebraska, where he is engaged in farming. David, who was born February 5, 1863, is also engaged in farming near Overton. He married Emma McCoy, of McLean county, Illinois, and they have six children. Mary, born March 19, 1865, is the wife of Alfred Cunningham. George H. is the next of the family. Ida, born March 21, 1869, is the wife of Mont Salyards, of Iroquois county, Illinois, who is now engaged in farming near Brady, Nebraska, and they have three children. Myrtle, born March 22, 1871, is the wife of Ernest Crawford, of Denver, Colorado, by whom she has three children.

Lula, born November 5, 1873, became the wife of Cassius Crane, of Iroquois county, Illinois, and died in Virginia, leaving five children. Emma, born February 13, 1878, is living at Lodgepole, Nebraska. Will, born April 15, 1880, married Sophie Hoffman, by whom he has two children, and resides at Overton, Nebraska.

George H. Poulson, spending his youthful days in his native county, there attended the public schools until he reached the age of eleven years, when his parents removed with their family to Saybrook, Illinois, where he resided for six years, attending the town schools of that place until he reached the age of seventeen. In 1884 the family took up their abode upon a farm in Iroquois county, Illinois, and George H. Poulson continued to assist his father in the cultivation and improvement of that place until 1891. On the 28th of January of the latter year he arrived in Adams county, Nebraska, where he engaged in farming in connection with his brother, Andrew L. Poulson, on a tract of land ten miles northeast of Hastings. He planted trees and cared for them in order to prove up the land as a timber claim, doing this for the owner, Edgar Lewis, to which work he devoted a year. In the spring of 1892 his parents came to Adams county and George H. Poulson purchased a farm eleven miles northeast of Hastings and for a year carried on general farming there with his father. He then sold the property and returned to his first farm after his marriage. He remained thereon continuously until 1915 with the exception of the years 1909 and 1910, during which time he resided in Colorado, being engaged in fruit raising near Canon City. He then returned to this county and again occupied the old homestead farm until September, 1915, when he retired from active business life and removed to Hastings, where he is now enjoying a period of well earned rest with leisure to indulge in those activities which are a matter of interest or recreation to him.

On the 21st of December, 1892, Mr. Poulson was married to Miss Belle Cunningham, a daughter of James Cunningham, who had been a neighboring farmer of the Poulson family in Illinois. He was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, May 18, 1833, and when about ten years of age had accompanied his parents on the voyage across the Atlantic, the family home being established in Guelph, Canada. After the death of his father James Cunningham, then about sixteen years of age, started out in life on his own account and finally went to Ohio, where he remained until about 1864, when he removed to McLean county, Illinois, and subsequently to Iroquois county, that state. In the spring of 1891 he arrived in Adams county, Nebraska, and purchased a farm comprising the southeast quarter of section 12,

township 8, range 9, known as the Holderman timber claim, upon which he resided for some time, but for a few years prior to 1910 he spent a part of his time in Trumbull, Nebraska, with his son. In the year mentioned he sold his farm and purchased a home in Trumbull, where he remained until his death, which occurred on the 4th of December, 1915. It was in 1858 that he wedded Caroline Stumpff, a daughter of William Stumpff, of Harrisburg, Ohio, and they had two sons and four daughters who came to Adams county. Their eldest son, Alfred, born in McLean county, Illinois, in 1864, arrived in Adams county in 1888, driving a team across the country from Iroquois county, Illinois, after which he rented a farm four miles southwest of Giltner, Nebraska, remaining thereon for seventeen years. In 1911 he removed to Garden county, Nebraska, where he again purchased a farm. He was married in Illinois to Miss Mary Poulson, a sister of George Poulson, and they had eight sons. Alfred Cunningham was a prominent and influential citizen of Adams county and twice represented his district in the state legislature. Death terminated his career on the 30th of December, 1913. Belle Cunningham, the second of the family, was born in McLean county, Illinois, July 6, 1866, and prior to her marriage engaged in teaching in a country school which her children have since attended. Jennie, born in 1867, was for twenty years a most able teacher in the country schools of Adams, Clay and Hamilton counties of Nebraska and in 1912 she became the wife of J. Helm Haggard, of Clay county, who is now living retired in Trumbull. Edith, born in 1872, died in 1910. Anna, born in 1874, is the wife of A. R. Rich, a grain buyer of Trumbull. Alvin, born in 1880, wedded Mary Harter, a daughter of Lou Harter, who follows farming near Giltner, Nebraska. They have three children.

James Cunningham, the father of these children, died on the 4th of December, 1915, and in his passing the community lost a valued and representative citizen. He had been a lifelong member of the Christian church, serving as a deacon in the church for fifty years, a part of that time at Trumbull. Success had come to him through earnest and indefatigable effort and his life was ever upright and honorable. There have been several marriages between relatives of the Poulson and Cunningham families that are interesting because of their oddity. The grandfather of Mrs. Poulson was William Stumpff, who married Ella Messie, the grandmother of Mr. Poulson. Again, Peter Meyers, an uncle of Mr. Poulson, wedded Mary Stumpff, an aunt of Mrs. Poulson, while the Poulson and Cunningham families were more closely connected through the marriage of



Alfred Cunningham to Mary Poulson and of George Poulson to Belle Cunningham.

To Mr. and Mrs. Poulson have been born three children: Earl L., who was born February 10, 1894, and was a student in a business college at Canon City while residing in Colorado; Clifford E., who was born November 1, 1895, and is now a senior in high school; and Laura Belle, who was born September 1, 1897, and is also a senior in high school in Hastings.

The family holds membership in the Christian church and for a number of years Mr. Poulson was an elder in the church at Trumbull and also superintendent of the Sunday school. He takes a most active and helpful interest in all departments of church work and in fact does everything in his power to promote the progress of the community and advance its material, intellectual and moral interests. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have never had any attraction for him as he has always preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which, wisely, carefully and honorably directed, have brought to him a most gratifying success.

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### JOSEPH MILLIGAN.

For many years Joseph Milligan was connected with railroading but he subsequently turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and is now living upon his farm in Juniata township. He was born in Creton, Scotland, on the 4th of September, 1831, in a house which his grandfather erected and in which, fifteen years later, the birth of his father, John Milligan, occurred. The latter passed his entire life in Scotland and followed the stonecutter's trade. He married Miss Jane Dowell, also a lifelong resident of that country, and they became the parents of ten children, of whom our subject is the eldest and all of whom are living in the United States with the exception of the youngest brother. He returned to Scotland after residing in this country for a year and now lives in the old home.

Joseph Milligan received his education in the common schools and after putting aside his textbooks worked in a garden and nursery and subsequently in a stone quarry. In 1852, when twenty-one years of age, he emigrated to the United States, crossing the Atlantic on a sailing vessel which was twenty-one days en route. He landed at New York city, where he remained for a few months but at the end



of that time removed to Chicago. A short time later he went to Joliet, Illinois, and for fifteen years was a resident of Will county. While there he engaged chiefly in railroad work but after removing to Kankakee county turned his attention to farming. In 1878 he removed to Nebraska and took up his residence in Juniata township, Adams county. He devoted three years to farming and during that time lived in a sod house, which fact is indicative of the pioneer conditions that prevailed. At the end of that time he again turned his attention to railroading and removed to the section house and in 1883 was made section foreman, a position which he filled satisfactorily for thirteen years. At the end of that time he resumed farming and is still living upon his place on section 5, Juniata township. He owns eighty acres of good land, which is well improved, and derives a gratifying financial return from the farm. Since his sons have started out in life for themselves he has rented his farm as he has reached the advanced age of eighty-four years and is living in honorable retirement.

Mr. Milligan was married, in Joliet, Illinois, in 1864, to Miss Martha Ellen Parson, who was born in Indiana, and they have become the parents of seven children, namely: Martha, the wife of Clinton Meecham, of Grand Island; Rose, deceased; Libby, who married Grant Ruby, who is farming near our subject; Clara, the wife of Theodore Signer, who resides a half-mile south of Juniata; William Otto, a railroad engineer residing at Alberton, Montana; Edward, who is living in North Dakota; and John, who was a ticket agent at Marion, Iowa, and was accidentally killed there.

Mr. Milligan has supported the republican party for years but when he deems that the interests of the community can be best served by voting independently he does not hesitate to do so. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, which he aided in organizing and the work of which they have always furthered to the extent of their ability. His life has conformed to high standards and has been filled with efficient and useful labor.

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### ALBERT E. LIVINGSTON.

Albert E. Livingston is well known in Hastings, where much of his life has been passed, and as a business man and citizen is held in the highest regard. He was born in Jersey county, Illinois, April 15, 1874, and is a son of Albert Livingston, Sr., who still remains at the

head of the undertaking business which he established many years ago and who is represented elsewhere in this volume. The son pursued his education in the public schools, supplemented by a business course. He had special training for his chosen calling in study in the Champion College of Embalming at Chicago, from which he was graduated with the class of 1890. He then taught embalming to students who were office pupils, among whom were: Volland, of Hastings; Ed Townsend, of Tecumseh; F. Gotchelda, of Utica and others, conducting business in various parts of the state. He graduates pupils and gives diplomas and in his instruction follows the latest and most improved methods.

In religious faith Mr. Livingston is a Methodist and in politics is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Mystic Legion and the Maccabees. He has a wide acquaintance in Hastings and different parts of the state and displays many sterling qualities which win for him high regard among all with whom he comes in contact.

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#### ALBERT WELLS BORDEN.

Prominent among the enterprising, progressive and determined business men of Hastings is Albert Wells Borden, manager of the gas company and also the vice president and one of the stockholders in the business. He was born in Kings county, Nova Scotia, December 18, 1880, a son of A. W. and Louisa (Woodbury) Borden. The father was also a native of Kings county and engaged in the shipping business, handling maritime supplies. He was active in public affairs to the time of his death, which occurred when he was but forty-four years of age. His wife, who was born in Annapolis, Maryland, is still living at the age of seventy-one years.

Their son, Albert W. Borden, attended a private school in his native county and afterward continued his education in Acacia College at Hortonville, Nova Scotia. At seventeen years of age he became connected with a gas light company at Mount Vernon, New York, and since that time has been identified with similar business enterprises, winning success in his chosen field of labor. He went to Galesburg, Illinois, as assistant to the superintendent of the gas company at that place and in 1903 he came to Hastings as manager for the Hastings Gas Company, which is a corporation. Becoming

financially interested in the undertaking, he is now vice president. He rebuilt the plant, which represents a large investment, and the latest processes are used in the manufacture of gas and in supplying the commodity to the customers. He is likewise interested in the gas company at Grand Island and is regarded as one of the representative business men of his city.

In early manhood Mr. Borden was united in marriage to Miss Julia Ferris, a native of Woodhull, Illinois, and a daughter of Robert O. and Estelle (Richards) Ferris, both of whom were born in Galesburg, Illinois, and now reside at Hastings, Nebraska. The father successfully followed farming in Illinois and remained an active and public-spirited citizen of Galesburg until 1908, when he removed to Hastings, where he has since been known as a well-to-do retired resident. Mr. and Mrs. Borden have two children: Ferris W., born September 16, 1908; and Robert Wells, whose natal day was March 18, 1913.

Fraternally Mr. Borden is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, in which he has held office, and with the Travelers Protective Association. He is a member and one of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce and takes an active and helpful interest in all of its affairs relating to the general development and improvement. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and he exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, of which he is a stalwart advocate, doing all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. In his chosen field of business he has steadily advanced, working his way upward step by step, his expanding powers winning for him a creditable position in the business circles of Hastings.

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### J. E. ADDIE.

J. E. Addie is the junior partner in the law firm of Ragan & Addie of Hastings, prominent representatives of the profession in Adams county. He is actively identified with a calling which has important bearing upon the progress and stability of every community by conserving the rights and privileges of the individual, and it is well known that in the conduct of his cases he is thorough and painstaking and that his devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial. Mr. Addie is a native of Iowa, his birth having occurred at Cresco on the 15th of January, 1875, his parents being John and Christina

Addie, both of whom are now living. The family is of Scotch lineage and the parents resided for some time in Wisconsin before removing to Iowa, where the father followed the occupation of farming in order to provide for the support of his wife and children.

At the usual age J. E. Addie became a public school pupil and passed through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school. Later he pursued a classical course of study at Milton College, at Milton, Wisconsin, and at Valparaiso University, and then entered upon the study of law in the Indianapolis College of Law, from which he was graduated with the class of 1904. He made thorough preparation for his profession and since entering upon active practice has constantly advanced. He located first at Friend, Nebraska, where he remained from 1905 until 1913, when he removed to Hastings and here entered upon his present partnership as a member of the firm of Ragan & Addie. He displays ability in putting forth the strong points in his case and in detecting the weak points in his adversary's cause and as the years have gone by his powers in argument have increased, while his pleas are characterized by a clear and decisive logic. The firm are now attorneys for the Chicago & North Western Railroad, for the Hastings & Northwestern Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad.

On the 17th of October, 1907, Mr. Addie was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Riggle, a daughter of B. F. Riggle, of Callaway, Nebraska. They have one child, Dwight B. The religious faith of the family is that of the Congregational church and Mr. Addie also holds membership with the Odd Fellows, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen. In his political views Mr. Addie is an earnest republican and he was appointed United States commissioner for this district by Judge Thomas Munger. He is fond of outdoor life and indulges his taste in that direction whenever the demands of his practice give him opportunity.

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### ALBERT LIVINGSTON.

A record of the leading business men of Hastings would be incomplete were there failure to make reference to Albert Livingston, who is one of "The Livingstons," undertakers, in which connection they are conducting a large business. He was born in Delaware, February 18, 1834, and is a son of James and Sarah (Kirkpatrick) Livingston, farming people, who have long since passed away.

The son was educated in the public schools and his early training and environment were that of the home farm. He continued to assist in the work of the fields until he attained his majority, after which he began learning the carpenter's trade, following that pursuit for many years. In 1858 he became a resident of Illinois, where he continued to work at the carpenter's trade and also engaged in farming for about sixteen years. In 1884 he arrived in Nebraska and the family home was established upon a farm near Harvard. He was thereafter identified with general agricultural pursuits in this part of the state for nineteen years, or until 1903, when he removed to Hastings. He had engaged in the undertaking business in Harvard and after coming to Hastings opened undertaking parlors, which are still carried on.

In 1861 Mr. Livingston was united in marriage to Miss Viola Gatewood and to them have been born four children: Anna B.; Francis; and Albert E. and Walter, who are connected with the undertaking business.

Mr. Livingston is connected with the United Brethren church and has guided his life by its teachings. He has taken an advanced stand on the temperance question, voting with the prohibition party, and he favors every plan and measure that will benefit the community and better the conditions among which the people live. His has been an active and useful life and wherever known he is held in high esteem. He was the founder of the business, which is now carried on under the name of "The Livingstons," undertakers. This firm teaches undertaking and gives diplomas to its students. They have one of the most complete establishments of the kind in the state and the father and sons were among the first to take the state examination for funeral directors, their licenses bearing the numbers 12 and 13. They passed the examination with the highest rank and the two sons, Albert E. and Walter, are members of the State Funeral Directors Association. They embalmed the body of John O'Connor, a recluse, who died August 17, 1913. They used fluids of their own manufacture and the body is still in a perfect state of preservation, being viewed daily by many people. It has been seen by thousands and is regarded as the finest specimen of embalming. This man died without a will or known relatives, leaving an estate valued at one hundred thousand dollars. One hundred and fifty people have put in claims for the O'Connor estate, claiming to be relatives of the man, but the question has not yet been settled, hence the body continues to lie in the Livingston vault. The firm carries the finest display of caskets in the state, representing investments of many thousands of dollars. They operate two auto hearses, two horse hearses, a limousine and a travel-

ing car. They have their own chapel, in which funeral services may be held, and they are prepared to take care of the business in the best possible way. The father still remains an active factor in the business although he has now passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey. Much of the more arduous work, however, is left to the two sons, Albert E. and Walter, who for a long period have been associated with their father in the establishment.

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### CHARLES MANAHAN.

Charles Manahan represents that percentage of Hastings' citizens who have retired from active business, success in former years enabling them to rest from further labor. A native of Sandusky county, Ohio, he was born on the 24th of October, 1869, and is a son of Ira and Nancy (Weatherwax) Manahan. The former was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit throughout his entire life. He has now passed away, but his widow survives.

Charles Manahan pursued his early education in the district schools and also has learned many lessons in the school of experience. His early training was that of the farm lad, for in his youthful days he began work in the fields and soon became familiar with all the duties incident to the development of the fields. He left home at the age of seventeen years and began farming on his own account in Indiana. On the 8th of February, 1891, he came to Nebraska, where he was again engaged in general agricultural pursuits, carrying on farming on his own account in Kenesaw township, Adams county. His attention was devoted to general farming until 1908, when he came to Hastings, where he has since resided. Here he erected a residence at No. 1001 North St. Joe street and is now most pleasantly situated in life. As a farmer he was progressive and enterprising and brought his land to a high state of cultivation, converting the prairie into rich and productive fields which annually brought forth golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestowed upon them. He followed the most progressive methods in his farm work and year by year his competence increased. He is still interested in farm lands in Adams county and other parts of the state and his property brings to him a gratifying income.

On the 22d of November, 1894, Mr. Manahan was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Matlick, a daughter of Isaac Matlick. They have one son, Vern. In religious faith Mr. Manahan and his family

are Presbyterians and in political belief he is a republican. He keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is therefore able to support his position by intelligent argument. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks and his wife is a member of the Eastern Star. He is highly respected and is popular wherever he is known because of a social, genial nature which appreciates the good qualities of others. He holds to high standards of manhood and citizenship, is free from ostentation and display and has many sterling traits of character.

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### JOSEPH R. SIMS.

Joseph R. Sims engaged in contracting and was one of the leaders in that line of work in Hastings. He passed away on the 18th of March, 1901, and his demise was the occasion of much sincere grief. He was born in England on the 21st of June, 1848, and was a son of William and Louisa Sims, who emigrated to the United States when he was but six years of age. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Scranton, Pennsylvania, although he continued to study and read widely throughout his life. When twenty-four years of age he went to Chicago and there took a course in building. Subsequently he returned to Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1877, when he came to Adams county, Nebraska, and located in Hastings. He engaged in contracting and erected many of the fine residences of the city and its vicinity, his reliability and the thoroughness with which he did his work recommending him to the public. Although he had to work his way up from the bottom, having no capital and no influential friends when he began his career, he never wavered in his determination to gain success and his untiring industry, his exact technical knowledge and his business ability enabled him to gain prosperity.

Mr. Sims was married on the 7th of April, 1875, in Pennsylvania, to Miss Marion E. Hart, a daughter of Theodorus and Eliza (Ruland) Hart. Mrs. Sims has two brothers and one sister living. She is a descendant of Philip Hart and also of Jeremiah Hart, who fought in the American Revolution. To Mr. and Mrs. Sims were born three children. Theodore, who was born in Meshoppen, Pennsylvania, married Miss Grace D. Brown, of Wyalusing, Pennsylvania, and is now engaged in the jewelry business in Hastings. Maude L. is deceased and is buried in Hastings. Joseph Forrest is living at home and is operating a ranch south of Hastings.



Mr. Sims gave his political indorsement to the republican party and served acceptably for one term as a member of the city council. In religious faith he was a Baptist and fraternally he was connected with the Odd Fellows lodge at Pittston, Pennsylvania, and with the York Rite Masonic bodies and the Mystic Shrine. He was highly esteemed in those organizations and served as recorder of the blue lodge. Although he passed away in 1901 his friends still honor his memory and all who knew him testify as to his uprightness and his public spirit.

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### CHARLES W. WINKLER.

Charles W. Winkler, who was for a considerable period successfully engaged in the florist's business in Hastings, was born in Wisconsin on the 7th of June, 1867. He became a resident of Nebraska while still a boy and attended the common schools here until he was fourteen or fifteen years of age, when he went to work as a farm hand. Subsequently he engaged in stone cutting and still later entered the employ of the John Davis men's furnishing store in Hastings, where he remained for twenty-one years, his long connection with that business proving beyond a doubt his ability and trustworthiness. About 1900 he resigned his position there and engaged in the florist's business at 1129 West Fourth street, Hastings, and continued active in that line until his death on the 2d of August, 1914. He managed his business affairs efficiently and built up a large and representative patronage, winning an enviable reputation for fair dealing and for supplying plants and flowers which retained their freshness and vitality as long as could be expected. In the meantime he purchased land and at the time of his death he owned two hundred and forty acres in Denver township.

On the 28th of November, 1892, Mr. Winkler was united in marriage to Miss Ella E. Luhn, a daughter of Godfred and Anna (Bitters) Luhn. Both of her parents were born in Germany but became residents of Adams county, Nebraska, in its early days and subsequently homesteaded in Webster county. To Mr. and Mrs. Winkler were born two children: Clarence, whose birth occurred in Adams county on the 18th of January, 1895, is now engaged in business as a florist, specializing in carnations; Charles, born October 15, 1908, is attending the public schools.



CHARLES W. WINKLER



Mr. Winkler was an adherent of the republican party, but he considered the qualifications of a candidate of greater importance than his political allegiance and at times voted independently. His religious faith was that of the Christian church. At no time in his career did he receive assistance from the outside but depended entirely upon his own resources, and the success which he gained was the direct result of his industry and careful planning.

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### GEORGE A. VOLLAND.

George A. Volland, who is engaged in the undertaking business at Hastings, was born at Haigler, Nebraska, on the 30th of July, 1888, his parents being Fred P. and Mary (Kearney) Volland, the father a native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the mother of Illinois. They are now residents of Omaha, Nebraska, and upon removing to this state in 1884 settled in Adams county, where the father followed the carpenter's trade. He afterward removed west to Haigler, Nebraska, still later became a resident of Platteville, Colorado, and subsequently established his home in Omaha, where he is still conducting business as a contractor and builder. George A. Volland became a pupil in the high school at Platteville, Colorado, and afterward qualified for the onerous duties of a business career by a course of study in the Hastings Business College. He then entered upon active life as a bookkeeper and still later learned the undertaking business, remaining in the employ of others until 1912, when he established business in Hastings as senior partner in the firm of Volland & Coon. He is still carrying on this business and his house is accorded a liberal patronage. He carries a large and well selected line of caskets and funeral supplies and is most tactful and considerate in the conduct of his business affairs.

In 1909 Mr. Volland was united in marriage to Miss Paquita Studebaker, a native of Kent, Illinois, and a daughter of Frank Studebaker. The latter, who came to Nebraska in 1890, was successfully engaged in the dray and cement business at Red Cloud, this state, and also took an active part in the work of the Brethren church. He is now living on a fruit ranch at Elberta, Utah. Mr. and Mrs. Volland have two children, namely: Vernon G., who was born December 11, 1910; and Norman Hugo, whose natal day was October 8, 1914.

Mr. Volland holds membership in the Congregational church and

also with the Masonic fraternity, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Woodmen of the World and the Loyal Mystic Legion of America. His political indorsement is given to the republican party and he was elected county coroner by the largest majority given to any candidate for any office in the history of the county—a fact which indicates his personal popularity and the confidence and regard reposed in him. He is social and genial, appreciative of good in others, looking at all times upon the bright side, and his friendliness and worth have gained him the high position which he occupies in the esteem of his fellow townsmen.

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### CHARLES E. SMITH.

Charles E. Smith gained financial independence through his activities as a farmer and is now living in honorable retirement in Hastings. He was born on the 15th of December, 1850, in Fayette county, Ohio, of the marriage of Peter W. and Ella (Painter) Smith, further mention of whom is made in the sketch of Horatio R. Smith. Our subject attended the public schools when opportunity offered until he was seventeen years of age and during that time also assisted his father on the farm. In 1870 the family removed to Jasper county, Iowa, and he aided in the development of the homestead there for two years. He then went to Henry county, Iowa, and for a year worked for his uncle, William Young, but at the end of that time returned to Jasper county and rented land which he operated for four years. In 1877 he arrived in Adams county, Nebraska, and purchased the northwest quarter of section 33, Blaine township, on which he resided until 1901, when he retired to Hastings. He was both practical and progressive in his methods and his industry and good management were rewarded by a gratifying financial return. As the years passed his resources increased and he is now enjoying a period of well deserved leisure. He owns a good residence at No. 201 West Third street, and is one of the valued citizens of Hastings. He still holds title to his farm on section 33, Blaine township, and also owns the southwest quarter of section 28, and the north one-half of the southeast quarter of section 29, Blaine township, and valuable residence property in Hastings.

Mr. Smith was married in Henry county, Iowa, in 1874, to Mary C. Foster, a daughter of William and Betsy Foster, farming people of Henry county, both of whom have passed away. Mr. and Mrs.

Smith have five living children and lost two in infancy. William W. was born on the 28th of October, 1875, and is now living in Lincoln, Nebraska. He married Miss Belle Tatroe, a daughter of D. B. Tatroe, of Omaha. Harlan, whose birth occurred on the 2d of December, 1877, is engaged in farming in Blaine township. He married Miss Ollie Hickman, a daughter of Elwood and Malvern Hickman, of Hastings, and they have seven children. Myrtle, who was born on the 12th of December, 1884, is the wife of George Cisney, a carpenter of Hastings. Addie, who was born on the 14th of July, 1887, is the wife of Charles Harris, a son of Frank and Mattie Harris, of Hastings, and they have two children. Mr. Harris is a well known baker of Hastings. Clara, who was born on the 28th of June, 1893, married Bert Edwards, a baker of Hastings who was formerly a resident of New York.

Mr. Smith has supported the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but has never aspired to official preferment. However, he served for several years as a member of the school board in Blaine township and has always taken much interest in the welfare of the public schools. He holds membership in the United Brethren church and has conformed his life to high moral standards. None begrudges him the leisure which he now enjoys, for it is the direct result of his untiring industry. He had no unusual advantages in his youth and began his career without capital, but he believed that it was possible to gain success through hard work and the exercise of sound judgment and accordingly applied himself diligently to his farming operations.

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#### A. L. CLARKE.

A. L. Clarke, president of the First National Bank of Hastings, was born in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, April 14, 1842, and spent his boyhood days at home on the farm. He pursued a public school education, supplemented by study in an academy at Poland, Ohio, and in 1863 he went west to Douglas county, Illinois, where he engaged in the drug business at Arcola for several years. He then turned his attention to financial interests, organizing the First National Bank of Arcola, of which he became the first cashier. Later he was made its president and so continued until 1877, when he disposed of his interest in that institution and removed to Hastings. Here, in partnership with G. H. Pratt, one of the pioneer merchants

of the city, he purchased the Adams County Bank from J. S. McIntyre and assumed the management of the institution as its president. This was converted into the First National Bank on the 5th of July, 1881, with Mr. Clarke as its first president and in that connection he has since remained.

In his political views Mr. Clarke is a republican and for one term served as mayor of Hastings but on the expiration of that period refused to again become a candidate for the office. In 1907 he was elected a member of the state senate and served for one term. He is an honorary member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Throughout Nebraska he is considered one of the leading bankers of the state and when a company of Hastings' leading business men erected a new hotel they insisted against his wishes on naming it The Clarke in his honor. He has sought for progress and improvement in municipal affairs and has supported all worthy public enterprises

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### AUBREY LAWLER TWIDALE.

The upbuilding of a community does not depend so much upon its machinery of government or even upon the men who hold its public offices as it does upon the enterprise and public spirit of its business men—they who promote its commercial prosperity and contribute to its substantial advancement. In this connection Aubrey L. Twidale is well known, being engaged in business at Hastings as a shoe merchant. He was born in Pontiac, Michigan, on the 1st of January, 1869, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Lawler) Twidale, the former a native of England and the latter of New York. In the late '50s the father came to the United States and established his home in Michigan, where he remained until the outbreak of the Civil war, when his patriotic spirit was aroused by the attempt to overthrow the Union and he joined Company F of the Ninth Michigan Cavalry, with which he served from 1861 until 1865. He was held for a time as a prisoner of war at Salisbury. After the war he returned to Michigan, where he engaged in farming until 1870, when he removed to Adams county. He secured a homestead claim in Highland township with a patent which he had previously secured and which bore the personal signature of U. S. Grant. For a considerable period he carried on general agricultural pursuits but at length retired from the farm and engaged in merchandising in Juniata, Nebraska.



Aubrey L. Twidale was the eldest in a family of three children. In early life he was brought by his parents to this state and in the acquirement of his education passed through consecutive grades in the public schools of Juniata until graduated from the high school. In 1895 he removed to Hastings and established his shoe store, in which he carries many attractive lines of fine and medium grade shoes. He has a well appointed store, is ever courteous and obliging in his treatment of his patrons and as the years have passed his business has steadily grown until it has now reached large and gratifying proportions.

Mr. Twidale was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret Wantz, a native of Friend, Nebraska, and a daughter of Michael and Minnie (Schultz) Wantz, the former born in Aurora, Illinois, and the latter in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Wantz, an agriculturist by occupation, came to Nebraska in the early days and took up a homestead claim near Friend.

Mr. Twidale belongs to the Masonic fraternity and has advanced through the Scottish Rite to the Consistory, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree. He is a republican and feels deep concern for the political situation, doing all in his power to further the growth and promote the success of his party. His religious belief is that of the Episcopal church and his cooperation is heartily given to its well defined plans to promote moral progress. In a word, his life measures up to high standards and the integrity and reliability which he manifests in business affairs also features in his other relations of life.

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## THE HASTINGS FOUNDRY AND IRON WORKS.

The Hastings Foundry and Iron Works is one of the extensive and important productive industries of Adams county. It is a business of large proportions and is constantly growing under the capable supervision and direction of J. W. Worrick, who is now general manager and who took charge of the plant on the 1st of June, 1913. The company succeeded to the business of Emerick Brothers in 1907. The stockholders are all residents of Hastings and are most substantial and enterprising business men. The output includes agricultural machinery, wind mills, grain elevator machinery, also structural steel and general contract work, bridges, aqueducts, etc. The company manufactures for the Western Electric Company. The plant covers

two entire blocks and is composed of many buildings. There is a large building used for office and shipping rooms, a forge shop, a machine shop, a woodworking shop, a foundry, a steel shop and a storage building. These are well ventilated and well lighted and moreover they are equipped with the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work. They employ fifty men and their output is sold over many states. The business of the company increased thirty per cent in the year 1915 and the plant is utilized to its fullest capacity. The company never deviates from its high standard in the matter of the excellence of the output, never using inferior material in manufacture, and in all business dealings is thoroughly reliable as well as progressive. Their different products meet the demand for which they are made, reaching the highest point of efficiency, while some of their work, such as the electroliers, shows marked artistic beauty and finish as well.

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### WALTER LIVINGSTON.

Walter Livingston is a partner in the undertaking business conducted under the name of The Livingstons at Hastings. He was born in Jersey county, Illinois, on the 31st day of March, 1876, and is a son of Albert Livingston, who was the founder and is the senior partner in the business which is still carried on by the father and his two sons. Walter Livingston acquired a public school education and is a graduate of the high school of Harvard. He afterward took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for three years at Edgar, Clay county. Later he pursued a course in embalming and joined his father and brother in the conduct of the business in which he has since been active. They have the best appointed undertaking establishment in the state, carrying a large line of caskets and funeral goods, having also four auto hearses and two horse hearses. In connection they maintain a well appointed chapel in which services may be held, and no one is better able to handle funerals than this firm.

In 1900 Mr. Livingston was united in marriage to Miss Christina Firestein, a daughter of Henry Firestein, of Grand Island. In his political views Walter Livingston is a republican and is now serving for the second term as a member of the city council, in which he is on several important committees. He does good work for the public welfare along the lines of substantial progress and improvement and

his cooperation can always be counted upon to further any plan or measure for the benefit and upbuilding of Hastings. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen and his religious belief is indicated in his membership in the Christian church. The Livingston family is one well known in Hastings and throughout this part of the state, and warm regard is entertained for them not only because of activity and success in business but also because of sterling worth manifested in other relations of life.

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### JOHN C. SWARTZ.

John C. Swartz, agent at Hastings for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, has practically devoted his entire life to railroad service and in this connection has made steady progress by reason of his ability and fidelity. He was born in Greenville, Ohio, on the 19th of December, 1854, and is a son of Jacob and Barbara (Kahle) Swartz, both of whom are now deceased. In the family were seven children, five sons and two daughters, of whom John C. was the first in order of birth. Having pursued his education in the public schools, he then entered the railroad service as an operator, working along that line for two years, after which he left Ohio and came to the west, settling in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on the 11th of October, 1878. A month later, however, he was transferred to Hastings, where he remained for six months. He was then promoted to the position of frontier agent, in which connection he continued for several years, after which he returned to Hastings, where he spent the winter of 1881-2. In May of the latter year he was sent to Denver, Colorado, to become the first agent of the Burlington Railroad at that place and remained in that city until 1891, when he left the employ of the company to enter into business relations with the Colorado Fuel Company. Drought brought on hard times and he severed his connection with the Colorado Fuel Company, after which he returned to the Burlington Railroad as local agent at Denver, continuing there for eight years. He was afterward made general agent and occupied that position until the 17th of November, 1901, when he returned to Hastings, where he has since been located. He has proven a most capable representative of the road, is always courteous and obliging to its patrons and at the same time carefully safeguards the

interests of the corporation which he represents. During this period he has witnessed the development and upbuilding of the city, which at the time of his arrival contained no brick residences. There were only board walks and the water supply was furnished with windmills. He was the night operator who got into communication with the government, leading to the sending of the militia here. As the years have gone he has witnessed marked changes and rejoices in what has been accomplished, converting Hastings from a western frontier town into a city of attractive proportions and opportunities.

On the 30th of September, 1890, Mr. Swartz was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Leight. He is a Protestant in religious faith and his wife belongs to the Christian Science church. In his political views Mr. Swartz is a republican and fraternally is connected with the Elks and the Commercial Club. He is one of the town's noted pedestrians, fond of walking for exercise. In his busy life, however, there have been few idle hours, his entire time and attention being concentrated upon his duties, which have been capably and efficiently discharged, making him one of the most trusted representatives of the corporation with which he is connected, while among his fellow townsmen he is regarded as a most popular citizen.

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### BOWNE S. KOEHLER.

Bowne S. Koehler is an active business man, devoting his entire attention to his duties as secretary and treasurer of the Koehler Twidale Elevator Company of Hastings. He finds in the faithful performance of each day's duties courage and inspiration for the labors of the succeeding day and along the steps of an orderly progression he is working his way upward. He was born at Blue Hill, Nebraska, May 19, 1887, a son of Christian and Helen (Sweetland) Koehler. The father was born in Geneva, Illinois, and is now living at Hastings at the age of fifty-nine years. He has devoted his life to the grain trade and to farming and he dates his residence in Nebraska from 1878, at which time he took up his abode at Ayr, Adams county. He found here pioneer conditions and with the work of general improvement and development has since been associated. He carried on farming for a time but for many years has been actively engaged in the grain business and is now the vice president of the Koehler Twidale Elevator Company, operating a line of fifteen elevators, one of which is situated at Roseland in this county. His growing business

affairs have made him a prosperous man and his activities have been of a nature that have contributed to public progress and prosperity as well as to individual success. In the early '80s he removed to Blue Hill, Nebraska, and took an active part in public as well as business affairs there. In 1900 he came to Hastings, where he now has a fine residence. He spends much of his time in looking after his Montana holdings, for he has made extensive investments in that state.

After completing a course of study in the high school at Blue Hill, Bowne S. Koehler continued his education in the Nebraska State University and later made his initial step in the business world in connection with banking, securing the position of cashier in the First National Bank at Elwood, Nebraska, where he served as a director and stockholder. In 1909 he came to Hastings and entered into active relations with the Koehler Twidale Elevator Company as secretary and treasurer. His undivided attention is now devoted to this business and his enterprise and progressive spirit constitute a potent element in the growth of the undertaking. In this connection he occupies a leading position as a representative of the grain trade in the state and he has thoroughly familiarized himself with every branch of the business and is thus able to successfully direct the activities of the company which he represents.

Mr. Koehler was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Pierce, a native of Friend, Nebraska, and a daughter of George Pierce, who became an early settler of Friend, where he embarked in merchandising and has since been prominent and active in the affairs of the town. Our subject and his wife have one child, Mary Helen.

Mr. Koehler is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity and an active member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a young man of marked enterprise and laudable ambition. He never fears to venture where favoring opportunity leads the way and he is fortunate in possessing character and ability that inspire confidence in others.

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### THOMAS R. VARAH.

Thomas R. Varah, who is successfully engaged in the real estate business in Hastings, is still a large landowner and for a quarter of a century farmed a thousand acres, his ability to manage his extensive interests being proof of his energy, his foresight and his power to think in large terms. He was born in Oswego county, New York, in

1857, of the marriage of James and Alice S. Varah, the former a native of Staffordshire, England, and the latter of London. They came to America in 1856 and settled in New York, where the father engaged in truck farming for fifty years, or until 1906, when he retired. He passed away in 1914 at an advanced age. He is survived by his widow, who lives in Central Square, New York.

Thomas R. Varah divided his time between working for his father and attending school until he was eleven years of age and then became a newsboy on the New York Central lines, working in that capacity for five years. He was subsequently brakeman for a year, fireman for two years and conductor for two years but at the end of that time removed to La Salle county, Illinois, and rented a farm, feeling that agriculture offered greater opportunity for success than railroading. For five years during the winters, when there was little farm work to be done, he attended school at Ottawa, thus supplementing the education which he had previously acquired. On the 22d of February, 1881, he removed to Adams county, Nebraska, and rented land in Highland township which he operated until 1884, when he purchased land in Hall county. For twenty-four years he devoted his time to agricultural pursuits there and during that period farmed a thousand acres of land. Although he is not now giving his personal attention to farming interests he still owns a large tract of land in Hall and Adams counties.

Mr. Varah was married in Illinois, in December, 1879, to Miss Erisa A. Wisner, who is a daughter of James R. and Sophronia Wisner, old settlers of West Blue township, this county. They are now living with their daughter, Mrs. Varah, and are enjoying good health although they have reached the advanced age of ninety years. To Mr. and Mrs. Varah have been born seven children, as follows. Alice S. married Joseph Herrod, who is a son of William and Dora Herrod, old settlers of Hall county, and who is farming in Hanover township. To this union have been born six children. Kittie B. gave her hand in marriage to Ross Foster, who is a son of Ora and Elizabeth Foster, residents of Hall county, and is farming in Custer county, Nebraska. Three children have been born to this marriage. James R., who is farming in Hall county, married Miss Mary Rothwell, a daughter of James Rothwell, of Trumbull. Ray Thomas, who is following agricultural pursuits in Doniphan township, Hall county, married Miss Edith Keller, a daughter of William and Anna Keller, of Hall county, and they have three children. Orange W. died in Hall county in 1905, at the age of fourteen years, and is buried in Greenwood cemetery in this county. William, who is a graduate of the

Hastings high school, is living with his sister Alice and aiding his brother-in-law in the farm work. Arthur, who completes the family, is attending the Hastings high school. Mr. and Mrs. Varah have sixteen grandchildren.

Mr. Varah is independent in politics, refusing to obey the dictates of a party leader, and he has always taken much interest in public affairs. While living in Hall county he served for one term as a member of the board of supervisors and in 1881 he was elected secretary and treasurer of the A. S. of E., a farmers' selling organization of the middle west. In religious faith he is a Nazarene. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. Although he has gained financial independence he has received no aid from outside sources but has at all times depended upon his own energy and good judgment and attributes his success to his willingness to work hard and his readiness to take advantage of every opportunity as it offered. At times he had to endure hardship and success seemed far distant but he persevered and has gained his reward.

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### CURTIS LEONIDUS ALEXANDER.

Curtis Leonidus Alexander, now living retired in Hastings, was born at Leesville, Lawrence county, Indiana, August 23, 1848, a son of Eli H. and Sallie (Flynn) Alexander. The father was a blacksmith by trade and enlisted in the Second Indiana Infantry for service in the Mexican war, in which he was engaged in active duty, participating in the battle of Buena Vista and also in the military movements in the mountains of Saltillo. In 1855 he made an overland trip with ox teams to Decatur county, Iowa, and purchased raw prairie land in that district. No improvements had been made thereon and his first home was a log house. He participated in the pioneer development of the district and was a recognized leader in the community. In 1862 he organized Company A of the Thirty-fourth Infantry, of which he was captain. The company rendezvoused at Burlington, proceeded down the Mississippi and went to Vicksburg. Later Mr. Alexander resigned and returned home, resuming agricultural pursuits. He became an extensive stock raiser and owned four hundred acres of land, upon which he made all of the improvements. In politics he was ever an active republican. In the later years of his life he retired from active business and removed to Leon. He became a char-



ter member of Clay Lodge, G. A. R., at Louisburg, of which he was the first master.

Curtis L. Alexander is the eldest in a family of nine children, of whom six are yet living. He pursued his education in one of the old-time log schoolhouses with its puncheon floor and split log seats. He afterward attended the Garden Grove school and the high school at Leon, Iowa. Before the building of the railroad he drove a stage from Ottumwa, Iowa, to Nebraska, at which time there was a stage station at his father's home. At thirteen he began to earn his own living, working in a brickyard, and from that time forward has been dependent upon his own resources. In 1864 he enrolled at Leon, Iowa, as a member of Company C, Forty-eighth Iowa Infantry, for service in the Civil war and went down the river, being engaged in skirmish and guard duty. After a service of eight months and twenty days he was honorably discharged and returned to Decatur county, Iowa, where he learned the trade of blacksmithing.

In the spring of 1865 Mr. Alexander came to Nebraska, settling near Nebraska City, where he lived for a short time, after which he returned to Iowa. On the 4th of June, 1874, he arrived in Hastings and two years later was joined by his family, at which time Hastings was a little village. He engaged in buying and selling horses and has always been in that business. In 1875 he established the Hastings Bus Company and conducted a successful business until June 11, 1913, when he retired.

Mr. Alexander has long been active in politics as a supporter of the republican party and he served upon the county board of supervisors for ten years. He was elected state senator from the twenty-ninth district and thus became active in shaping the laws of the commonwealth. For eight years he filled the position of city councilman and is still active in politics, doing everything in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party, for he believes its principles are the strongest elements in good government.

Mr. Alexander married Miss Harriett Caldwell, of Wayne county, Iowa, a daughter of Nicholas and Abigail Caldwell, natives of Ohio, whence they removed to Michigan and afterward made the trip across the country to Iowa, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Wayne county in 1854. The father became an extensive landowner and converted a tract of raw prairie into a valuable and productive farm, which he continued to develop until his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander have been born three children. Harl Morris, who is married and has two children, is a traveling salesman

for a music company and makes his home in Hastings. Margaret is the wife of J. T. Welch, attorney for the Moneyweight Scales Company of Chicago, and they have one child, Gail. Abigail, the youngest of the family, is at home.

Mr. Alexander was made a Mason in Hastings and has taken the degrees of the chapter, the commandery and the consistory, becoming a Scottish Rite Mason in Omaha in 1883. He was chosen chief of the staff of the Grand Knights Templar at the conclave in Denver, Colorado, in 1913. He became a charter member of the Elks Lodge, No. 149, at Hastings and he has many friends in these organizations. There is no phase of pioneer life in the west with which Mr. Alexander is not familiar and the events which to most people are matters of hearsay or history are matters of personal experience to him. For seven years he was associated with Buffalo Bill as Indian scout and cowpuncher, and has a picture of him bearing the autograph "To My Prairie Pard. W. F. Cody." Many people think that Mr. Alexander greatly resembles Buffalo Bill. He has all kinds of interesting Indian weapons given to him by the red men whom he knew when he was doing scout duty. If one wishes to know anything concerning early experiences in the west or the history of pioneer development in Adams county they have but to ask Mr. Alexander to gain reliable information.

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### CHARLES B. BIGELOW.

Charles B. Bigelow is now living retired at Hastings but derives a gratifying annual income from his farming interests. He long figured prominently in public affairs and made an excellent record as an official but is now leaving office holding to others, while he is enjoying the rest that is the legitimate reward of earnest and intelligently directed effort. He was born in Erie county, New York, on the 7th of May, 1852, and is a son of Reynolds and Harriet (Darling) Bigelow, both of whom were natives of Erie county. The father, who was born in 1822, and the mother, who was born in 1825, both passed away at the age of seventy-two years. Mr. Bigelow was a sailor on the Great Lakes in early manhood and in 1864 established his home in Illinois, where he engaged in farming, carrying on general agricultural pursuits there until 1872, when he traveled overland to Nebraska and secured a homestead claim in Verona township, Adams county. At that time there was not a house in sight of his

claim and the work of progress and development in the county seemed scarcely begun. His first home was a combination dugout and sod house. He dug down to a depth of three feet and the sod superstructure rose to a height of four feet. He lived in a wagon till this primitive home was completed and then he bent his energies to the development and improvement of his farm, which he converted into rich fields, annually gathering therefrom substantial harvests. He was also active in public affairs and was a leading representative of the democratic party. He served as justice of the peace in Verona township.

Charles B. Bigelow is the younger of two children. He completed his education in the high school at Beloit, Wisconsin, and on attaining his majority secured a homestead claim in Verona township, where he lived in a sod house during pioneer times. For many years he continued his residence in Verona township, his labors being devoted to the development and improvement of a farm. He was also active in public affairs and was a recognized leader in the ranks of the republican party. He served as township clerk and in 1892 was elected county clerk, which position he acceptably filled for two terms. He removed to Hastings in 1892 and remained in office until 1896, since which time he has lived retired. He has, however, two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land from which he derives a gratifying annual income. A part of his farm constitutes an old homestead claim which was entered from the government by its former owner, who, however, lived in Nebraska for only a few years and then returned to the east, Mr. Bigelow purchasing the property for six hundred dollars. It was once owned by James S. Carson, who was born in Ontario county, New York, and in 1873 arrived in Verona township, where he homesteaded the northwest quarter of section 22, township 8, range 11. He remained thereon for a few years and then sold his farm for six hundred dollars, returning to his native place.

In 1874 Mr. Bigelow was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Pease, a native of Erie county, New York, and a daughter of Orson and Maria Pease, who were also born in the Empire state. The father followed blacksmithing in New York and after removing westward to Illinois continued work as a blacksmith in the latter state. In 1873 he took up a homestead claim in Verona township, Adams county, Nebraska, on which there has never been a mortgage and which is still in possession of Mrs. Bigelow. In this county Orson Pease carried on agricultural pursuits and also conducted a blacksmith shop on his farm. He was a man of quiet and retiring disposi-

tion but recognized nevertheless as a citizen of enterprise and sterling worth. Mrs. Bigelow is the younger of his two children. Her sister, Mrs. Eleanor M. Ohlheiser, was born in Erie county, New York, in 1846, came to Nebraska in 1873 and for many years engaged in teaching school, after which she became the wife of Joseph Ohlheiser, now deceased. She took up a homestead which comprised the north half of the northeast quarter of section 10, township 8, range 11, and still owns that property, although she now resides at No. 912 North Lincoln avenue in Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow have become the parents of two children. Grace B. is the wife of A. B. Hopper, a practicing dentist of Hastings, by whom she has a daughter, Harriet. Harriet gave her hand in marriage to T. P. Shively, cashier of the Citizens Bank of Fairfield, Nebraska, by whom she has three children, Francis, Charles and Thornton. Such in brief is the life history of Charles B. Bigelow, now living retired in Hastings. His residence in the county covers a period of forty-three years and therefore he has been a witness of the changes which have occurred since pioneer times.

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### CHARLES F. MOREY.

Charles F. Morey, who is one of the leading attorneys of Hastings, has engaged in practice in this city since 1886 and is a member of the well known firm of Tibbets, Morey, Fuller & Tibbets. His birth occurred in Wyoming, New York, on the 17th of November, 1854, and he is a son of Reuben and Abby C. (Bogman) Morey, natives respectively of New York and Rhode Island. The paternal grandfather, Samuel Morey, was also born in the Empire state and the family is of English extraction. Reuben Morey was born in 1805, became a minister of the Baptist church and in 1865 removed with his family to Illinois, whence six years later he went to Wisconsin. He passed away in that state in 1880 but his wife died there in 1871.

Charles F. Morey attended the public schools in Illinois and after the removal of the family to Wisconsin continued his education in Beaver Dam, that state. Still later he became a student in the University of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1879 with the degree of A. B., and he then began his preparation for the bar, reading law in Chicago. He was admitted to the bar in that city in 1884 and engaged in practice there until 1886, when he came to Hastings,

Nebraska, and formed a partnership with George W. Tibbets, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. This connection has since been maintained. Other partners have been admitted to the firm, which is now Tibbets, Morey, Fuller & Tibbets, and it figures in practically all of the important litigation tried in the courts of this district. Mr. Morey has long been recognized as an attorney possessing a comprehensive knowledge of the law and a keen and analytical mind which enables him to determine at once which are the essential and which the nonessential factors in a case.

Mr. Morey was married on the 27th of June, 1883, to Miss Anna M. Riordan, by whom he has a son, Clive, an electrical engineer. Mrs. Morey is descended from an old American family and belongs to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. Morey believes that the policies of the republican party are based upon sound principles of government and supports its candidates and measures at the polls but has never sought office. He affiliates with the Protestant Episcopal church and supports movements seeking the moral advancement of his community. He is held in the highest esteem not only as an attorney but also as a citizen and as a man, his dominant qualities being such as have always commanded respect and regard.

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#### CHRISTIAN NISSEN, SR.

Christian Nissen, Sr., who is living in honorable retirement from active life in Roseland, was for many years engaged in farming and still owns the south half of section 19, Roseland township. He was born in Denmark on the 16th of October, 1839, a son of Nicholas and Mattie (Christensen) Nissen, who passed their entire lives in that country, where the father engaged in farming. They were the parents of three children, those besides our subject being Mary and Martha, both of whom died in their native land.

Christian Nissen, Sr., received good educational advantages, attending the common and high schools of Denmark, and subsequently he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in that country until he was twenty-one years of age. He then came to the United States, crossing on a vessel which sailed from Hamburg to New York. He made his way westward to Milwaukee, but soon afterward went to Madison, Wisconsin, and there he followed his trade until September, 1861, when he enlisted in Company B, Fifteenth Wisconsin



CHRISTIAN NISSEN, SR., AND FAMILY





Volunteer Infantry, for three years, or during the war. He took part in the battles of Stone River, Island No. 10, Shiloh and Nashville, and was discharged at Atlanta at the end of his term of enlistment. He returned to Madison, Wisconsin, and farmed in that locality until 1872, when he took up his residence on section 22, Hanover township, Adams county, Nebraska. For twenty-two years he cultivated that place but at the end of that time purchased land on section 19, Roseland township, where he resided until 1913. In that year he removed to Roseland, where he had erected a fine home, and here he has since lived, enjoying well earned leisure. He made many improvements upon his farm and took justifiable pride in keeping everything in excellent condition. He owns a half section in Roseland township and receives a good financial return from his land.

In 1861 Mr. Nissen was united in marriage to Miss Marie Teresa Holzer, by whom he has had the following children: August, a resident of Rawlins county, Kansas; Mattie, deceased; Joseph, who is living in Silver Lake township, this county; Nicholas, deceased; Louise, the wife of David Rhodes, of Franklin county, Nebraska; Mary, who married Clark Capra, also of that county; Christian, Jr., who is on the home place; Jennie, the wife of John Stromer, of White River, South Dakota; Martha, deceased; John, who is living on section 19, Roseland township; and Minnie, the wife of Lloyd Tracy, of Rawlins county, Kansas.

Mr. Nissen has supported the republican party since becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States and has taken considerable interest in public affairs. He served as school director and moderator for years and did much in that time to advance the interests of the county. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Danish Lutheran church and support its various activities. He is also identified with the Grand Army of the Republic. Since beginning his independent career he has depended entirely upon his own resources and the large measure of success which he has gained testifies to his industry and his good management.

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### P. L. JOHNSON.

P. L. Johnson, who is interested in farming and engineering work makes his home in Hastings, although his practice has covered a wide territory. He was born in Cincinnati, Appanoose county, Iowa, on the 12th of October, 1860, and is the youngest of the three

sons in a family of five children, whose parents were Walter Samuel and Sarah B. (Gibson) Johnson. The father was an attorney of Centerville and served as clerk of the district court. He also gave part of his time to merchandising. In 1895 he removed to Lincoln, Nebraska, where his remaining days were spent. His widow, however, yet survives.

P. L. Johnson was educated in the public schools and was graduated from the University of Iowa with the class of 1883, on the completion of a classical course. He afterward entered upon a professional career as a teacher in the high school of Council Bluffs, and in 1886 his alma mater conferred upon him the Master's degree. In August, 1885, he located in Hastings and turned his attention to the banking and investment business, becoming manager of a branch office for Burnham Tulleys & Company, and later was with the First National Bank of Hastings. He severed his connection with that business in order to enter upon the position of secretary and treasurer of Hastings College and raise an endowment fund for the institution. He succeeded in securing fifty thousand dollars for the buildings in addition to the endowment fund and he still remains as secretary and treasurer. He served, for the most part, without a salary and his labors resulted in the erection of four buildings and the acquirement of one hundred thousand dollars, which was added to the invested funds. Since then another one hundred thousand dollars has been added. The grounds cover thirty acres and there is a row of substantial buildings across the front of the campus. This institution certainly owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Johnson for his untiring efforts, which have placed the school upon a splendid basis, equipped with the most substantial property and provided with an excellent income from the endowment fund.

On the 21st of December, 1887, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Marie Louise Brown, a daughter of Robert Brown, who settled in Nebraska in 1885 and became a very prominent banker and landowner, occupying the position of vice president and one of the directors of the Exchange National Bank of Hastings. His activity did not a little to shape the business history of the city and county and the high regard in which he was ever held was widely expressed when death called him on the 20th of March, 1905. His widow survives and now makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, who are the parents of a son, Walter Bedford, who is now principal of the high school at Gothenburg, Nebraska.

The religious faith of the parents is that of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Johnson is serving as one of the elders in the church

at Hastings. In politics he is a republican prohibitionist and his first ballot was cast in support of the prohibition amendment in Iowa. He has ever been deeply interested in the cause of temperance and does everything in his power to prevent the sale and use of intoxicants. He takes a great interest in amateur athletics and during his college days was a member of the varsity teams. He is also much interested in the athletics of Hastings College and the Johnson Gymnasium was established through his efforts and the work of the students. Hastings has no more public-spirited citizen. He has long been particularly active in educational and religious circles, putting forth time, money and effort to further advancement along those lines. He always holds to high ideals, looking to the advancement and benefit of the community in which he resides, and his labors have been far-reaching, effective and resultant.

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#### ADAM BREEDE.

Adam Breede, editor of the Tribune published at Hastings, was born in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Breede, who were among Nebraska's early pioneers and were prominently identified with the development of the state, residing at different times at Plattsmouth, Lincoln, Sutton and Hastings. Adam Breede pursued his early education in the Hastings public schools and afterward attended Hastings College. Turning his attention to the field of journalism, he acquainted himself with every phase of the business and has become editor and proprietor of the Hastings Daily Tribune, one of the leading papers of the state. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has done not a little through the columns of his paper to mold public thought and action.

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#### W. G. SADDLER.

W. G. Saddler is now living retired in Hastings, but for a long period was numbered among the active business men of the county, especially well known because of his important farming and stock raising interests. He was born in Pulaski county, Kentucky, on the 15th of August, 1844, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth Saddler, both of whom have now passed away. They were farming people

and enjoyed the good will and respect of all with whom they came in contact.

W. G. Saddler was educated in the public schools and when his textbooks were put aside turned his attention to the occupation of farming. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted for active military service, becoming a member of Company G, Thirty-second Kentucky Infantry. He was afterward honorably discharged and reenlisted as a member of Company D, Thirteenth Kentucky Cavalry, with which he remained until the 10th of January, 1865, when he was again honorably discharged. He then took up the occupation of farming in the employ of others and on the 3d of May, 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Susan C. Hail. He afterward continued in active connection with farm work and also taught in the common schools until 1875, when he removed to Indiana, where he resided until 1883. In that year he came to Adams county, Nebraska, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1905. In that year he retired to make his home in Hastings, where he has since remained. He is still the owner of farm lands and he was formerly known as a very prominent breeder of shorthorn cattle and was president and secretary of the State Association of Shorthorn Breeders. He has sold some of the highest priced shorthorn cattle ever sold in this county. These were bred by him and his efforts did much to improve the grade of stock raised in this section of the state. On leaving the farm he closed out his livestock interests in order to enjoy a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He was the first to sow winter wheat in this part of the state and his experience proved that it was the wheat to raise in this section. He ranked with the most prominent and progressive farmers and stock raisers and his labors set the standard which many others followed.

To Mr. and Mrs. Saddler were born seven sons and a daughter: John, Thomas, James, Farmer, Clay, Leonard, Harrison, and Mary, the wife of G. Morr. Several of the sons are married and there are eleven grandchildren. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist church, to which the parents loyally adhere, being devoted members of that organization. In his political belief Mr. Saddler is an earnest republican, keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day and supporting his position by intelligent argument. In 1903 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature, and made so creditable a record in that connection that he was reelected for a second term. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he

has crossed the sands of the desert. He likewise maintains pleasant relationship with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, and he finds it a pleasure to recall with them events which occurred upon the tented fields. His life has been an active and useful one well spent. He has given liberally to church work and has taken a prominent part in religious activities, doing everything in his power to further the moral development of the community in which he makes his home. His own life has ever been an honorable and upright one, conforming to high standards of manhood and citizenship, and constitutes an example which others might profitably emulate.

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#### ASHLEY T. SHATTUCK.

Well directed activity along business lines in former years has brought Ashley T. Shattuck to a position where he can now live retired, spending his time in those ways which afford him interest and pleasure and relieve him of necessity for further labor. He was born in Jefferson county, New York, August 19, 1848, his parents being Abel and Sally (Hastings) Shattuck, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts. The father was a clothier who made cloth in the mills of New England and was also a colorer, dyeing the wool used in cloth manufacture. Removing to New York, he settled upon a farm of one hundred acres in Jefferson county, where he lived a quiet, unassuming life, devoting his attention to general farming. He was very thorough, systematic and methodical in all that he did and by a vote of the county fair commissioners his farm was proclaimed the cleanest and best kept of any in Jefferson county. His sterling worth was widely recognized. Everybody liked him and he was known as Uncle Abel throughout the entire community—a term which is only applied when friendliness and geniality constitute salient characteristics of the individual. He died October 12, 1876, at the age of eighty-three years, two months and twenty-one days, and his widow survived him until 1881, when she, too, passed away. He was twice married and A. T. Shattuck is the youngest of the three children who were born of the second marriage. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party but he never sought nor desired public office.

Ashley T. Shattuck acquired his education in the district schools of Jefferson county, New York, but his opportunities went little

beyond the three R's. In the spring of 1873 he arrived in Adams county, Nebraska, which was then a frontier district in which the work of development and improvement seemed scarcely begun. He had to face all of the conditions of frontier life with its hardships and privations. He located on section 10, township 8, range 11, now known as Verona township, and resided there for over thirty years. He performed the arduous task of breaking the sod and preparing the fields for cultivation, and when he took up his abode upon the place the only building in sight was the schoolhouse. He built a frame dwelling and made all of the improvements upon the farm. At first he used oxen to till the fields but with the passing of years he was able to introduce more modern methods. He had a fine residence, substantial barns and outbuildings and four hundred acres of land when he retired and his place had been converted into a valuable property from which he annually gathered rich harvests that brought him substantial financial return. He still owns one hundred and sixty acres of land and from that tract derives a good income. In the later years of his residence upon the farm he engaged in raising Poland China hogs, which he shipped all over the country. He had a very large number of fine bred hogs of that kind and won prizes upon his stock at the county fair, securing the major prizes in the only year that he exhibited. He continued to occupy the farm until 1903, when he retired and removed to Hastings, where he has since made his home.

In 1869 Mr. Shattuck was united in marriage to Miss Thankful Sanders, a native of Jefferson county, New York, and a former schoolmate. Her parents, Aaron and Julia (French) Sanders, were both born in the Empire state but there was ten years' difference in their ages. The father owned and successfully operated a large dairy farm in Jefferson county, New York. He gave his political allegiance to the democracy but never sought nor desired office, being a quiet, unassuming citizen. His wife passed away on the 29th of March, 1870, when fifty years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck have two living children. Thomas A., who is married and has three children, is proprietor of the Queen City Stock Farm, the finest farm in Adams county, and makes a specialty of raising Poland China hogs. Perley is married and resides in California.

Mr. Shattuck greatly enjoys fishing and, having now retired from business cares, has ample opportunity to indulge his love of the sport. In politics he is a stalwart republican and has been active in politics, doing all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the party. He was the first supervisor from Verona town-

ship and occupied that position for three terms. He is an earnest Christian man but does not bind himself to creed or by denominational lines. For several years he served as superintendent of the Sunday school before the church became a denominational organization, and at all times he has endeavored to make his life an exemplification of the golden rule, doing unto others as he would have them do unto him. His wife has been a most true and loyal help-mate to him and that her good qualities are appreciated is indicated in the fact that she has won many friends throughout the county. The career of Mr. Shattuck has been fraught with good deeds and his sterling qualities have won for him the highest regard of those among whom he has lived.

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### L. J. SIEKMANN.

L. J. Siekmann, who is managing the Siekmann estate, was born in Wisconsin. He is the son of Henry and Katherine Siekmann and came to Adams county with his parents in the fall of 1878.

The father, who is a minister, was the founder of the First German Lutheran Evangelical church at Hastings, and is still active in the work of the Lutheran church throughout this part of the state. He also organized churches near Glenville, South Hastings and Grand Island. His work was productive of much good. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of his adopted state and has invested from time to time in fertile land of the county and is now a large owner of same, and also is connected with many other enterprises in the county. His wife passed away in August, 1902.

L. J. Siekmann entered the Hastings high school after completing the work of the grammar school and still later graduated from Gem City Business College of Quincy, Illinois. On beginning his independent career he engaged in the flour and feed business but later accepted a position with the German National Bank. He remained with that institution for twenty-two years or until he left to take charge of the Siekmann estate. He is one of the directors and is serving as second vice president of that institution at present. He is connected with a number of local business enterprises, being interested in the Hastings Canning Company and having held the office of treasurer of the Farm Central Mutual Fire Insurance Company since the organization of that company.

On the 26th of September, 1894, occurred the marriage of Mr.



Siekmann and Miss Emilie Orth, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Orth, of Peru, Illinois.

Mr. Siekmann is a firm advocate of republican principles and staunchly supports that party at the polls. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church and fraternally he is connected with the Royal Highlanders, which he aided in founding and on whose board he is now serving. He is a member of the Country Club and is very fond of outdoor life. He has resided in Adams county since boyhood, understands conditions here thoroughly and believes that the opportunities afforded energetic and prudent men are the equal of those found in any other section of the country.

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### HENRY SHICK.

Henry Shick, a well-to-do retired farmer residing in Kenesaw, was born on a farm in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, on the 9th of March, 1840, a son of John and Charlotte (Gruver) Shick, who were also natives of that county. The father served in the Union army for nine months and three of his sons also fought in defense of the Union. He passed away in Pennsylvania, and his widow subsequently removed to Topeka, Kansas, where her demise occurred.

Henry Shick received but a limited education, as it was necessary for him to provide for his own support when but a boy. For some time he worked by the month but in October, 1862, he enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company D, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He took part in the siege of Suffolk, Virginia, and in the battle of Deep Creek, Virginia, and after that engagement his command was called to Gettysburg, but on account of a railroad wreck did not get there in time to take part in the battle. He was discharged in July, 1863, but in February of the following year reenlisted, joining Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His command was in garrison at Fortress Monroe for some time and at the close of the war was honorably discharged.

Mr. Shick returned home and for three years aided in the operation of the home farm, but at the end of that time secured a position on a star mail route, which he held for four years. In 1879 he removed to Hall county, Nebraska, and for fourteen years farmed the eighty-acre tract which he entered from the government. He met with gratifying success as an agriculturist and as he managed his affairs



MR. AND MRS. HENRY SHICK



well his capital increased from year to year, and after leaving the farm he removed to Kenesaw, where he is now living in honorable retirement.

On the 27th of February, 1868, Mr. Shick was united in marriage to Miss Martha Hall, by whom he has five children: Mary E., the wife of B. K. Foulk, of Ericson, Nebraska; Alice, at home; Charlotte M., who has taught for twenty-one years and for thirteen years has been a teacher in the Grand Island schools; Etta L., the wife of H. Wilcox, of Council Bluffs; and Sidney J., who is assistant superintendent at the Crow Creek Indian agency in Montana.

Mr. Shick supports the republican party at the polls but has never desired office as a reward for his fealty. However, he has served as school director and while living in Hall county held the office of constable. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and greatly enjoys associating with his comrades in blue. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church. He has always discharged all obligations resting upon him, and his sterling worth has gained him a high place in the esteem of his fellowmen.

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### GEORGE B. TYLER.

George B. Tyler is well known in business circles of Hastings and Adams county. A native of Ohio, he was born in Medina county and his parents were Solomon and Eliza (Tuller) Tyler. He attended the public schools until fifteen years of age, when his ardent patriotism prompted him to enlist in the Union army and he became a member of Company B, Sixth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. He remained with that command until mustered out in 1865 at Sioux City and his military record was highly creditable to his gallantry and loyalty. In 1866 he went to Colorado, crossing the plains to Pike's Peak, which was then the goal of many fortune seekers. He continued his way westward to Idaho and prospected in that state and in Montana and Nevada until 1875, when he returned as far east as Iowa. After remaining in that state for some time he went to Colorado and lived there until 1884, when he took up his residence in Hastings. He has varied business interests here and it was largely through his initiative that the Clarke Hotel was erected.

Mr. Tyler was married in 1879 to Miss Margaret Pattie, a daughter of Mary Pattie, of Chicago, but in 1904 was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who was buried in Hastings. He is an

adherent of the republican party where national issues are at stake but at local elections votes for the best man. Fraternally he belongs to Hastings Lodge, No. 159, B. P. O. E., which he was instrumental in organizing. During his early manhood he resided in various parts of the west and gained a wide experience and a spirit of tolerance which make him an unusually agreeable companion. He has made and retained the friendship of many and is also recognized as one of the most successful men of this section of the state.

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### HANS HANSEN.

Business enterprise in Hastings finds a worthy representative in Hans Hansen, owner of a lumberyard in that city. His activities have ever been carefully directed and his course has measured up to high standards of business enterprise and integrity. He was born in Denmark on the 11th of September, 1863, and is a son of Chris and Sina Hansen. The family came to the United States in 1881 and settlement was made upon a farm near Hampton in Hamilton county, Nebraska, where the father, with characteristic energy, began to develop and cultivate the fields. He continued the work of further improving his farm up to the time of his death, which occurred in March, 1913. For thirteen years he had survived his wife, who died in May, 1900. They were worthy pioneer people of the district in which they lived and their efforts constituted an element in public progress and improvement there.

Hans Hansen was educated in Denmark, attending school, however, to only a limited extent and learning many of life's lessons in the school of experience. When still quite young he went to work as a farm hand and was thus employed for two years. He afterward engaged in hauling coal and lumber for six years. He was a youth of eighteen when the family crossed the Atlantic and for a year he resided upon a homestead claim in Colorado, living in a dug-out. Later he embarked in business on his own account at Minden, Nebraska, where he opened a lumberyard which he successfully conducted for eleven years. On the expiration of that period he removed to St. Paul, Nebraska, where he remained for nine months, and in 1900 he came to Hastings, where he established a lumber business. Here he still carries on the lumber trade but his operations here by no means cover the extent of his activities in that field. He has formed a partnership with several men and they are numbered

among the prominent lumbermen of this part of the state, having about fourteen lumberyards in this section of the country, together with five in Canada. Their operations are therefore extensive, the business having assumed profitable proportions. Mr. Hansen is also engaged in selling farm lands and is recognized as a business man of keen sagacity, promptly and wisely utilizing the opportunities that have been presented. His ramifying business interests now cover a wide territory and the extent of his activities has made him one of the foremost factors in the lumber trade of the west. The lumberyards owned by the firm at various points are operated under different names and Mr. Hansen spends much of his time in traveling from one yard to another, overseeing the business and directing its policy. He bends his efforts to administrative direction and executive control and splendid results accrue.

In November, 1887, Mr. Hansen was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Johnson, a daughter of John Johnson, and to them have been born four children, Mabel, Perley, Dorothy and Duff. The religious faith of the family is that of the Congregational church, to which the parents belong. Mr. Hansen, however, is connected with no secret societies. In politics he is a prohibitionist and takes an active part in the temperance movement. He is fond of travel and has spent considerable time in Europe and has also visited from coast to coast in America. His efforts to uplift man have been far-reaching and beneficial, for he cooperates in many movements which have direct bearing upon the lives of the individual and on the community. His course, too, proves that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously, for in the legitimate lines of trade he has won advancement, his course ever conforming to the highest standards of commercial ethics.

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### H. M. CARPENTER.

H. M. Carpenter is associated with the firm of J. H. Haney & Company, in which connection he is well known in the business circles of Hastings. Although he has now passed the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey, he yet remains active in business. His birth occurred in Worcester county, Massachusetts, on the 8th of December, 1839, his parents being Jason and Mercy (Merett) Carpenter. The father was a cotton manufacturer who after following that line of business in the east for a number of years removed

westward with his family to Iowa and there passed away. His wife is also deceased.

H. M. Carpenter was the youngest in a family of six children and in the public schools of his native state pursued his education, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. He afterward learned the saddler's trade and has continued in that line of business through sixty years, starting out at the age of sixteen. All business and personal considerations, however, were put aside at the time of the Civil war, when in response to the country's call for troops he offered his services to the government, enlisting on the 4th of August, 1861, as a member of Company B, Fifteenth Massachusetts Infantry, with which he was connected for three years. He participated in the principal engagements of the Army of the Potomac and was wounded at Ball's Bluff and also at Gettysburg. After six months spent in the hospital he was transferred to the invalid corps as a member of Company C, Twenty-second Regiment, and was mustered out at Washington, D. C., on the 4th of August, 1864, after three years' continuous connection with the army. He had come to know every feature of military life—the long hard marches, the strenuous campaigns, the hotly contested battles and the weary waiting in winter quarters, but he never faltered in the performance of his duties and with a most creditable military record returned to his home.

Mr. Carpenter afterward worked at his trade in Massachusetts until 1880, when he came to the west, making his way to Marengo, Iowa, where he lived for three years. On the expiration of that period he came to Hastings and entered the employ of Marks Brothers, dealers in saddlery, with whom he continued until the Haney establishment was opened, since which time he has been associated with J. H. Haney & Company. He is an expert workman, having kept in close touch with the advance made in the trade and its methods through all the years in which he has been active as a harness and saddlery manufacturer.

In September, 1864, Mr. Carpenter was united in marriage to Miss Sophronia A. Fuller, who was a daughter of Charles and Merrill Fuller, of Massachusetts, and who died in January, 1906. To this union were born four children, namely: Nina E., who has been principal of the first ward school at Hastings for twenty-seven years; William H., living on a ranch at Aberdeen, Idaho; Janett L., who is a graduate of Hastings College and a professor in that institution; and Allen F., professor in the University of Washington at Seattle. There are also two grandchildren.

Mr. Carpenter holds membership in the Presbyterian church, to



which Mrs. Carpenter also belonged and in whose work she was quite active. In politics Mr. Carpenter is a republican and fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Mystic Legion and the Grand Army of the Republic. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of his city. There are few men of his years who remain so active in business and few who maintain such close connection with the trend of the times, but in spirit and interests he seems yet in his prime. Old age does not necessarily suggest idleness nor want of occupation. There is an old age which grows richer and stronger mentally and morally as the years go on and gives out of the rich stores of its wisdom and experience for the benefit of others, and such has been the record of Mr. Carpenter.

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### GEORGE W. TIBBETS.

George W. Tibbets, of Hastings, has gained a high standing in the legal profession, in which advancement depends solely upon ability and personal force. He was born in Belfast, New York, on the 25th of July, 1848, and his parents were James A. and Lucy A. (Raymond) Tibbets, both of whom were born in New York, the former on a farm in Seneca county. The grandfather of our subject, Lynian Tibbets, was born in Connecticut and served in the War of 1812.

George W. Tibbets received good educational opportunities in his youth, as after leaving the public schools he attended the Genesee Valley Seminary of Belfast, New York, in which he prepared for college. He subsequently matriculated in the Iowa State University at Iowa City, where he remained for three years, taking an academic course. Later he taught school in Illinois during the fall and winter of 1873, after which he returned to New York and became principal of the schools of Angelica. He remained there a year, subsequently returned to Belfast and taught in a private school for a similar period and then went again to Angelica, accepting the position of superintendent of schools. He also resumed the reading of law, which he had begun when first connected with the Angelica schools. While serving as superintendent he was elected school commissioner, which important office he held for three years. In 1879 he was admitted to the bar at Rochester, New York, and engaged in practice at Belfast until he came west to Hastings, Nebraska, in 1886,

since which time he has been a member of the local bar. In that year he formed a partnership with Charles F. Morey, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and they are still associated in the practice of law. They have admitted others to the firm, which is now known as Tibbets, Morey, Fuller & Tibbets and which holds a high position at the bar. Mr. Tibbets has always given every case the most thorough study and has never neglected the consideration of any point which might have a bearing upon the outcome of the trial. He is convincing in the presentation of his arguments and has won a large percentage of the cases in which he has appeared as counsel.

On the 2d of August, 1882, in Belfast, New York, occurred the marriage of Mr. Tibbets and Miss Mary A. Capron. They have a son, Raymond M., who was born in 1883, was graduated from the Nebraska State University in 1908 and was admitted to the bar in that year. He is now a member of the firm of Tibbets, Morey, Fuller & Tibbets. Mrs. Tibbets belongs to the Daughters of the American Revolution, having ancestors who fought for independence from England.

Mr. Tibbets supports the democratic party at the polls and in 1908 and again 1910 was elected to the state senate from this district. In his first term he was honored by being elected president pro tem of that body and in his second term he was made chairman of one of the important committees—that on judiciary. He made an excellent record as a senator and it was recognized that in all that he did he was actuated by a desire to promote the public welfare. He is well known in local Masonic circles, belonging to the blue lodge, the York and Scottish Rite bodies and the Mystic Shrine, and he is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He has a wide acquaintance and his genuine worth is indicated by the fact that those who have been longest associated with him are his staunchest friends.

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#### JAMES A. ROSE.

James A. Rose, president and manager of the James A. Rose Manufacturing Company, is one of the most influential factors in the commercial development of Hastings and has built up a business of large proportions. In addition to his manufacturing interests he has given considerable attention to the plumbing and heating business and has had the contract for work along those lines in a number of important buildings of Hastings. A native of Ohio, he was born on

the 24th of December, 1854, of the marriage of Peter and Lizzie (Watts) Rose. The father followed agricultural pursuits and in 1873 removed with his family to Nebraska and located on a homestead nine miles southwest of Hastings. He continued to operate that place until a few years before his death, when he removed to Roseland, Nebraska, where he lived retired. His wife is also deceased. He was a man of strong patriotism and at the time of the Civil war enlisted in an Ohio regiment, with which he served for three years.

James A. Rose received his education in the public schools and after putting aside his textbooks concentrated his energies upon farming until he was twenty-five years of age, when he removed to Hastings. He was first connected with the windmill and plumbing business and later began taking contracts for installing heating plants in connection with his other lines and proved very successful in that field. He installed the heating and plumbing in the Carnegie library, the high school, the Exchange National Bank building, a number of business blocks and many of the best residences of the town. Since 1911 he has given much of his thought and energy to the development of the J. A. Rose Manufacturing Company, whose trade has shown a steady and rapid growth since its organization. The company manufactures the Rose frictionless tire pump, which is said to be the only tire pump on the market that will stand up under constant use, and it also makes the Rose automobile grease gun for individual automobile use, which is self-loading and is the same in principle of construction as the Rose shop grease gun. The latter is of larger capacity and is especially adapted to the use of garages. Another specialty of the J. A. Rose Manufacturing Company is the Rose washer and gasket cutter, which is complete in itself, dispensing with the use of a brace, is very easily adjusted to size and cuts the washer without damaging the material. It has many other good points as it can be used to cut almost any kind of material, including asbestos and glass, has an automatic feed and is supplied with an attachment that makes the cutting of oval gaskets as simple as round washers. It is supplied in a number of sizes and is giving complete satisfaction, doing all that is claimed for it. The J. A. Rose Manufacturing Company now employs about ten men and expects soon to enlarge its plant, which is thoroughly modern in its equipment. Mr. Rose retained the ownership of the home farm for a number of years but has now disposed of that place and is concentrating his energies upon the management of his other business interests.

Mr. Rose was married in 1879 to Miss Lizzie Martin, a daughter

of Solomon Martin, who came with his family to Adams county in 1876. He is still living at the advanced age of ninety-four. Mr. and Mrs. Rose are the parents of eight children, namely: Ettie, Frank, Lura, Ralph, Guy, Ira, Myrtle and Earl.

In politics Mr. Rose is independent, voting for the man rather than the party. He served as a member of the city council for two years and was on the school board for six years, doing much in those capacities to promote the general welfare. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, whose work he furthers in every way possible, and fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is quick to recognize opportunity and prompt in carrying out his plans for the development of his business interests. His energy and sound judgment have been rewarded and he has gained financial independence and also aided in promoting the business growth of his town. He is much interested in everything that pertains to the progress of his community and is recognized as a public-spirited citizen.

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### BENEVILLE F. SCHLEGEL.

Beneville F. Schlegel, a well known resident of Kenesaw, was formerly engaged in farming in this county and later conducted a hardware and implement store in Kenesaw for nine years. His birth occurred on a farm in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, on the 3d of February, 1840, and his parents were Peter and Susanna (Bohne) Schlegel, who spent their entire lives in that county. He attended a subscription school for some time, but his educational advantages were limited, as he was the oldest son and was obliged to devote much of his time to helping with the farm work. He remained at home until 1859 and for two years thereafter was employed as a hired hand.

On the 14th of April, 1861, Mr. Schlegel put aside all personal considerations and joined the Union army, enlisting in Company E, Eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which regiment was the first at Camp Denison. After serving for three months he was honorably discharged but, recognizing the fact that the war was likely to last for a much longer period, he went to Pennsylvania and enlisted in Company H, Forty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years. At the end of that time he reenlisted in the same company and regiment and was at the front until the close of hostilities. His





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command marched through Raleigh, North Carolina, to Washington and participated in the grand review in the capital city. On the 16th of July, 1865, he was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He saw a great deal of hard fighting and participated in many engagements, including the following: Winchester, under General Banks; Cedar Mountain, the second battle of Bull Run and Antietam, under General Pope; Chancellorsville and Gettysburg and Lookout Mountain, Rocky Face Ridge and Peachtree Creek. He also took part in the Atlanta campaign. After he was transferred to the western front he served under General Hooker. He was twice wounded and endured the many hardships incident to military service.

After his return from the army Mr. Schlegel remained upon the home farm for a month and then went to Sandusky, Ohio. Subsequently he was on a farm in Erie county, Ohio, for a year, but in 1867 he migrated westward, settling in Dakota county, Nebraska, where he farmed for four years. At the end of that time he returned east and spent five years in Ohio and Pennsylvania, but in 1877 he again came to the west. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Kenesaw precinct, Adams county, Nebraska, and later bought three hundred and twenty acres in Kearney county. He carried on agricultural pursuits in Adams county for some time and operated his farm in Kearney county for a year, after which he sold that place. In 1895 he removed to Kenesaw and for nine years conducted a hardware and implement store, gaining recognition as one of the progressive and successful business men of the town. He is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former labor.

In 1866 Mr. Schlegel was married to Miss Eliza A. Combs, who passed away two years later. In 1872 he was united in marriage to Miss Rosa A. Reid, by whom he has had four children, namely: Almeda M., now Mrs. John Gerhard, of Kenesaw; Charles G., also a resident of Kenesaw; Susanna J., a resident of Loup City; and Sarah C., now Mrs. W. Hays, of Naponee, Nebraska.

Mr. Schlegel is a stalwart republican and has taken quite an active part in political affairs. For thirty-three years he served as a member of the school board, for four terms he was a member of the board of supervisors and for many years he held the office of township treasurer. He was again elected supervisor in 1915 to serve four years. He has discharged his official duties with a conscientious regard for the public welfare and has made a highly creditable record. Fraternally he belongs to Kenesaw Lodge, No. 144, A. F. & A. M., of which he was treasurer for sixteen years; and to Enterprise Lodge, No. 29, K. P. All who have come in contact with him, whether in

business, fraternal or social relations, hold him in high esteem and respect him for his many admirable qualities. He has gained a gratifying measure of financial success as a result of his energy and sound judgment and has also found opportunity to work for the advancement of the interests of his community.

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### DAVID HART.

Among the residents of Hastings who are now living retired is David Hart, who for a considerable period was actively connected with farming and stock raising interests in West Blue township and by his well directed efforts won the competence which now enables him to rest from further labors. He was born in Peoria county, Illinois, February 18, 1845, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Amaziah Hart. His parents had removed from Fleming county, Kentucky, to Illinois a few years previous to his birth and at the early age of three years he was left an orphan. He then went to live with a brother-in-law, James Jones, who died when David Hart was a lad of about ten summers. He afterward resided with a brother, John M. Hart, to the age of sixteen years, when he began working as a farm hand. Since that time he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources, so that whatever success he has achieved is the merited return and reward of his labor.

Mr. Hart is the youngest in a family of nine children, having four brothers and four sisters, as follows: Lucinda, Margaret A., John M., Abraham, James, Malinda, Fielding and Mary. Two of his brothers, John M. and James, lost their lives in defense of their country during the dark days of the Civil war. Our subject had accompanied his brother to Menard county, Illinois, and after the latter's enlistment he had to make his own way unaided. He went from there to McLean county, Illinois, in 1867 and there owned and operated land for some years. It was in February, 1891, that he arrived in Adams county, Nebraska, and settled in West Blue township, where he became the owner of a farm of four hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. To his place he added various improvements and as the years went by he carefully directed his business affairs so that success in substantial measure came to him. In addition to tilling the fields in the cultivation of the crops best adapted to soil and climate he engaged in the raising of Norman horses. At length,

wishing to retire from active business, he removed to Hastings on the 1st of March, 1902, and he has since made his home here.

On the 21st of January, 1869, Mr. Hart was united in marriage to Miss Mary I. Campbell, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Mark Campbell, a carpenter, who always lived in that state. Mrs. Hart passed away January 15, 1904, at the age of fifty-six years. To this union were born five children but Charles died in infancy. The others are: Edith A., who is acting as her father's housekeeper; John F., who is married and has three children and makes his home at Elba, Nebraska, where he is engaged in the practice of medicine; Henry E., who lived upon a farm in West Blue township and died at the age of thirty-four years; and Dora E., the wife of W. A. Hazle, a farmer of Hall county, Nebraska, by whom she has two children.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Hart is connected with the Loyal Mystic Legion. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, which he has earnestly supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. In 1904 he was elected to represent his district in the state senate but his health failed and he did not qualify for the office. However, he keeps well informed on all the questions and issues of the day and is able to support his position by intelligent argument. He is an active member of the Presbyterian church and has guided his life according to its teachings so that his many admirable traits and honorable principles have gained for him the respect and confidence of all who know him.

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#### A. W. BINDERUP.

Nature seems to have intended that man should enjoy a period of rest in the evening of life. This is evidenced by the fact that he possesses enthusiasm and energy in youth, which qualities in mature manhood are guided by sound judgment. If he exercises his powers to good advantage he will become the possessor of a competence that will supply him with all the necessities of life during his later years. That A. W. Binderup has carefully directed his labors is shown in his present financial condition, which enables him to enjoy all of life's comforts and some of its luxuries. He makes his home at No. 1134 West Second street in Hastings, where he is most pleasantly situated. He was born in Vile, Denmark, on the 1st of March, 1842, a son of Nels J. and Augusta H. Binderup. The father was an inspector of

the Royal Hospital at Copenhagen and spent his entire life in the employ of the government, making his home at Vile. He owned land in that locality and was a valued and representative citizen of his community. His religious faith was that of the Lutheran church.

In the family were twelve children, of whom A. W. Binderup was the ninth in order of birth. He attended school in his native town and afterward served in the Danish army for three years, during which he won promotion to the rank of second lieutenant and then to first lieutenant. He took part in the Danish war of 1864 and then, thinking to try his fortune in America, made arrangements to come to the United States, arriving at New York on the 26th of December, of that year. For eight years he was a surveyor and draftsman in the east and on the 30th of April, 1873, he arrived in Hastings, which was then a small western frontier town giving little promise of its future development and progress. He had purchased lands in Blaine township and there he erected a frame residence of a story and a half, it being one of the first frame houses in the township. He purchased forty acres of railroad land at first and afterward added to this until he had one hundred and sixty acres, which he cultivated and upon which he resided for six years. In 1879 he removed to Hastings, where he purchased two and a half acres for one hundred and fifty dollars. All of this is now divided into city lots lying along First and Second streets, which streets he laid out in 1879. For a time he was in the employ of the Burlington & Missouri Railroad Company and on the 16th of August, 1879, he established business as a dealer in coffees, teas and spices, conducting the business until July 16, 1881, when it was destroyed by fire. He immediately resumed business, however, his store occupying the site where the postoffice now stands. He gradually developed his trade into a grocery business which he conducted until 1887, when he retired from active commercial pursuits. In the meantime he had developed a business of extensive proportions and his trade brought to him a gratifying annual income which enabled him to put by a goodly sum so that in the course of time he became one of the substantial citizens of Hastings.

In 1872 Mr. Binderup was married to Miss Emma Matilda Charlotte Hansen, who was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, October 19, 1843, a daughter of Hans and Jesina (Aanesen) Hansen, the former an architect, sculptor and artist. The mother came to the United States in 1872 and lived with Mr. and Mrs. Binderup until 1893. Mrs. Binderup conducted the farm while Mr. Binderup was in the employ of the railroad company and in the mercantile business. Many Indians would call at their home, for the red men were numerous in

this section of the state, and there were all kinds of wild game, even buffalo being killed near their home in the early days, together with antelopes and smaller game. The conditions of pioneer life everywhere existed. When Mr. and Mrs. Binderup arrived in Hastings they were dropped off in the mud, as the Burlington was not making a regular stop here at the time. School and church services were all held in the same building. Corn cobs and chips were the fuel used and all of the hardships and privations of frontier life were to be met. Their experiences were varied and oftentimes were of a most arduous nature. They have lived to witness notable changes as the years have brought all of the improvements and advantages of civilization, transforming this district into a populous and prosperous county.

In politics Mr. Binderup is a republican but with independent tendencies, and has no political aspirations. He is also liberal in religious thought and in fact in all the relations of life has largely followed an independent course, nor has he interfered with the right of others to do the same. His has been a straightforward, upright course, marked by devotion to duty, by reliability in business and by enterprise and progressiveness in all life's relations, and thus it is that he has won his place among the substantial and highly respected citizens of the county.

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### J. H. LOSEE.

J. H. Losee gained a competence through his well directed labors as an agriculturist and is now living in honorable retirement in Hastings. A native of Greene county, New York, he was born on the 12th of September, 1840, of the marriage of Ranson and Sarah Ann (Palmer) Losee, who passed their entire lives in the Empire state, where the father engaged in farming.

J. H. Losee attended the public schools in his boyhood and youth and also gave much of his time to assisting his father with the farm work. When twenty-one years of age he began following agricultural pursuits on his own account and in 1868 came west, locating on a farm in Illinois. He remained in that state for fifteen years, at the end of which time he removed to Adams county, Nebraska, and took up his residence on a farm in Highland township. For twenty-seven years he operated that place and as the years passed brought his land to a high state of development and made many excellent improvements upon his farm. He was both practical and progressive in his methods

and as year after year he harvested good crops he was able to add to his holdings and at length accumulated sufficient capital to provide for his comfort throughout the remainder of his life. In 1911 he gave over the active work of the farm to others and removed to Hastings, where he is now living. However, he still owns the farm.

On the 5th of June, 1876, Mr. Losee was united in marriage, in Marshall county, Illinois, to Miss Josephine Roll, a daughter of Charles Roll, a resident of Illinois. To this union have been born the following children: Mina, who is now Mrs. George Garriss; Charles S., who is farming; Fred, who died at the age of twenty-eight; Lorenzo, who is engaged in farming; Edna, who married M. Applin; Edward, who is farming; and Eva, now Mrs. M. Shaffer. There are also fourteen grandchildren.

Mr. Losee is independent in politics, refusing to follow the dictates of party leaders but rather casting his ballot in accordance with his best judgment as to the qualifications of the candidates. He has held a number of local school offices and has served as justice of the peace and has always manifested a keen interest in the public welfare. In religious faith he is a Protestant. He belongs to the Society of Pioneers and takes justifiable pride in the fact that he aided in the early development of the county. He has always had faith in the resources and possibilities of this section and his confidence in its future has been justified and he is now one of the substantial men of Hastings. In addition to his home farm he owns other land in the state and is a stockholder in the Bank of Commerce.

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#### E. D. HAYSMER, M. D.

The Nebraska Sanitarium at Hastings is conducted according to the most scientific principles and the highest standards of service to patients are maintained. Much of the success of the institution in the treatment of disease is due to the thorough training and the ability of Dr. E. D. Haysmer, the surgeon and medical superintendent of the institution. He was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, on the 19th of January, 1891, a son of Albert J. and Dora V. (Van Deusen) Haysmer, both of whom are still living. The father is a minister of the Seventh Day Adventist church and is now president of the West Indian union conference of that denomination.

E. D. Haysmer, who is one of two children born to his parents,



attended the public schools and also received private educational training during the time that he lived in the West Indies. He prepared for college in the Southern Training School at Graysville, Tennessee, which is conducted by the Seventh Day Adventist church. He subsequently matriculated in the University of Tennessee, where he completed the junior year, after which he entered Vanderbilt University at Nashville, where he took a medical course, graduating in 1912. For a year thereafter he had charge of the Nashville Sanitarium and subsequently he became superintendent of the Oakwood Sanitarium at Huntsville, Alabama. Still later he was connected for three months with the Washington City Dispensary at Washington, D. C., and at the end of that time he became house physician of the Washington Sanitarium, a position which he filled for a year. Wishing to still further prepare himself for his chosen life work, he then took post graduate work at Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore and on the 1st of August, 1914, was made surgeon and medical superintendent of the Nebraska Sanitarium at Hastings. This institution is under the control of the Seventh Day Adventist church and is thoroughly up-to-date in all of its equipment. It is prepared to utilize all the means, methods and appliances recognized in the modern ideas of hygiene, sanitation, rational medicine and hygienic dietetics. Much emphasis is placed upon the value of hydrotherapy, electrotherapy and massage and the most careful attention is given to the preparation of hygienic foods but no "fads" are urged upon the guests. The patient is trained to cooperate with the healing forces of nature and his recovery is hastened by the atmosphere of helpful service that pervades the place. The institution has been unusually successful in the treatment of chronic diseases and specializes to a considerable extent in such cases, refusing to admit those suffering from contagious diseases. A thoroughly equipped surgical department is also maintained and all anaesthetics are administered by a physician especially trained in that work. Dr. Haysmer, who is the surgeon and medical superintendent, is splendidly equipped for his responsible position and has made an excellent record. He keeps in close touch with everything that is being done in his departments, insists on the highest standards being maintained, and in his work as a surgeon manifests great skill. He is registered in Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, the District of Columbia, Maryland and Nebraska and he is connected with the American Medical Association, the Adams County, the Nebraska State, the District of Columbia, the Montgomery County (Md.) and the Maryland State Medical Societies and keeps abreast with the advancement that is being made in medical and surgical knowledge.



His high standing in his profession is indicated by the fact that he is president of the Adams County Medical Society.

Dr. Haysmer was married on the 6th of November, 1913, to Miss Mary Ella Sigrest, a daughter of Walter M. Sigrest. The Doctor supports the democratic party at the polls and his religious faith is that of the Seventh Day Adventist church. He is very fond of outdoor life, finding therein needed recreation and much enjoyment. Although a young man he is one of the foremost representatives of his profession in this part of the state and his friends believe that the future holds in store for him still greater achievement. He has not only gained a high standing in his profession but he has also won the personal friendship of those who have been associated with him and he is recognized as a public-spirited citizen. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of Hastings and does all in his power to further the advancement of his community along various lines.

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### JAMES ROONEY.

On the list of honored dead in Adams county appears the name of James Rooney, who for many years was a well known hotel proprietor of Nebraska, in which connection he gained a wide acquaintance, while his affability, geniality and courtesy won him many friends. A native of Ireland, his birth occurred in Dublin in 1848, and he was educated at Trinity College in Dublin, thus enjoying advanced educational privileges. When twenty years of age he determined to seek a home in America and in 1868 bade adieu to friends and native land. He landed in New York and after residing for a time in the Empire state removed westward to Iowa, where he continued until coming to Nebraska in 1884. He did carpenter contract work and was thus identified with building operations for a time but later entered the hotel business, which he followed in various parts of the country. He became proprietor of the Lindell Hotel, afterwards the Metropolitan, of Hastings and was thus engaged in business up to the time of his death.

While in New York, when twenty-one years of age, Mr. Rooney was united in marriage to Miss Bridget Moran and they became the parents of eight children, of whom six are yet living, while two have passed away. The death of the father occurred on the 23d of June, 1910, while the mother survived until the 18th of August, 1915, when she, too, was called to her final rest. The religious faith of the family



JAMES ROONEY



is that of the Catholic church and Mr. Rooney was very prominent in church circles and in Catholic societies. He was also an active political leader of his community, giving stalwart allegiance to the democratic party, feeling that its platform expressed the best principles of good government. He had the faculty of making friends wherever he went and in every community in which he lived he left behind him a large circle of warm friends who had high appreciation for his sociability and many excellent qualities.

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### FRED PLUMER OLMSTEAD.

Prominent among the representatives of the Adams county bar is Fred Plumer Olmstead, whose ability has gained him distinction in the ranks of the legal fraternity and who as well is widely and prominently known as a lawmaker. Many tangible evidences of his public spirit and devotion to the general good may be cited and his life has at all times been actuated by high ideals of prompt and effective service for the benefit of his fellowmen. He was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, October 29, 1850, a son of Daniel C. and Octavia (Kendall) Olmstead. The father's birth occurred at Old Scipio, New York, and he was a representative of a Quaker family. In the year 1834 he removed westward to Illinois and took contracts to build barns and houses in the section of the state in which he located. He would go into the timber, hew the trees and manufacture the lumber used in construction. He was also foreman of the building of the government locks at Camden, Illinois, being appointed to that position under William Mathews, the contractor. All of the locks, gates and steps were of lumber. During the process of construction General Scott and his army were there to protect the builders from attack by Black Hawk and his warriors. Mr. Olmstead purchased land on the Rock river from the government and engaged in farming with ox teams, there residing until 1863, when he removed to Geneseo, Illinois, in order to give his children education. In 1875 he removed to Nebraska, settling in Little Blue township, where he purchased eighty acres of land and homesteaded eighty. He set out trees and developed a fine home and maintained what was known as Olmstead Grove—a popular picnic ground. He was also largely interested in horticultural pursuits and in the early days had the only orchard in the county, in which he had many kinds of apples, demonstrating the possibility of successful cultivation of fruit in this part of the state. He was also an

extensive stock raiser and was one of the most progressive and leading men of his community, setting the standard for activity along the lines of general farming, stock raising and fruit growing. He and his son Fred became the owners of eight hundred acres of land. He was a naturalist who loved the woods and the beauty of the trees and flowers, and he was a well informed botanist. In fact, he was thoroughly familiar with many sciences, including astronomy. His education was liberal, not only as a result of attendance at school but also because of his extensive reading, deep thinking and thorough research work. He believed in the process of evolution and saw much in nature to confirm his theory. He was a very temperate man, possessed no bad habits, and the sterling worth of his character was recognized by all with whom he came in contact. He lived to the very venerable age of ninety-one years, passing away at his home in Hastings in 1909. His wife, who was born in Augusta, Maine, died at the age of sixty-eight years.

Fred P. Olmstead is the youngest in a family of three children. He began teaching school in Henry county, Illinois, when eighteen years of age and afterward engaged in teaching in Cleveland, becoming principal of the schools of that city. In 1876 he came to Nebraska to hold teachers' institutes and introduce normal methods to the teachers of this state. In 1878 he opened the Western Normal School at Harvard, Nebraska, and the following year he removed to Grand Island, where he remained for three years as principal of the schools of that city. In 1882 he took up his abode upon a farm adjoining the town of Pauline and in 1883 he was admitted to the bar, whereupon he entered upon the practice of law in Hastings as a member of the firm of Hughitt & Olmstead, with which he remained for some time. He has been prominently connected with litigated interests in this county throughout the entire period of his connection with the bar and his recognized ability finds expression in his careful preparation of his cases and in his clear, concise and cogent reasoning before the courts.

Mr. Olmstead was united in marriage to Miss Adelaide Boyer, who was born in Illinois and is a daughter of Jacob Boyer, who in 1861 enlisted at Princeton, Illinois, and served for five years with the Union army. In 1885 he removed to Nebraska and established his home in Hastings, becoming a member of the Grand Army post in this city. He was particularly skilled as a penman. His wife, who was born in Pennsylvania, died in 1910 at the age of sixty-eight years. To Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead has been born a son, Clyde, now of Montana, who is married and has two children.

Mr. Olmstead has always been intensely and deeply interested in the public welfare and has cooperated in many plans and measures for the general good, attacking everything with a contagious enthusiasm. He was largely instrumental in inducing the Missouri Pacific and Kansas City & Omaha Railroads to follow the Little Blue to Pauline. In 1883, in 1885 and again 1886 he introduced into the legislature the bill whereby the insane asylum was established at Hastings. Up to 1913 he drew up every bill that was introduced into the legislature for appropriations for the insane asylum. In 1889 and 1890 he was a member of the state legislature, being elected on the republican ticket. He is a most active and stalwart supporter of the republican party and has ever been an earnest worker in its ranks, making campaign speeches throughout the state. He introduced the bill for the first Australian ballot law in Nebraska in 1889 and for four years he was chairman of the republican county central committee. In 1897 he was chosen county attorney and filled that office for four years. He prosecuted the celebrated murder case of Barney Pierson, the last murder case in the county, and did splendid work while in the office of county attorney. In 1903 he was chosen president of the Humane Society and has continued in that position since, during which time he has made a fight to protect the interests of the children and of horses and dogs in the community. His entire life has been characterized by a spirit of broad humanitarianism that has not only manifested itself in protecting the helpless from abuse but has found expression in much constructive work, his efforts being put forth in the belief that prevention is better than cure. He is a broad-minded man capable of looking at questions from every standpoint, and his opinions are never narrow nor prejudiced. His work has been of widespread benefit and value to the community and Hastings numbers him among her prominent and honored citizens.

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### CHARLES EDWARD BRUCKMAN.

Charles Edward Bruckman, member of the Hastings bar and now serving as city attorney, was born on the 28th of March, 1877, in Lowell, Indiana. His father, George H. Bruckman, was a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and when only three years of age started with his parents for the United States but his mother died on the voyage and his father passed away soon afterward. George H. Bruckman was reared to farm life and continued his residence in

Indiana until 1880, when he came to Nebraska, settling in Juniata township, Adams county, where he had two hundred and forty acres of good land. He engaged extensively and successfully in general farming and stock raising and was accounted one of the active and leading agriculturists of the community until 1901, when he returned to Indiana. He is now living retired at Tolleston, that state, at the age of sixty-two years. He was married in Indiana to Miss Esther Nichols, who was born in Ohio but was reared in Indiana and is now sixty years of age. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and his family attend the Methodist church.

Charles Edward Bruckman obtained his early education in the district schools of Juniata township, for he was but three years of age at the time of the removal of the family to this state. He afterward attended the high school of Juniata and the Business & Normal College at Grand Island, after which he entered the law department of the State University, therein completing his course with the class of 1903. He left home at the age of twenty years and made his own way through school, providing the necessary funds by teaching in the schools of Juniata and Wanda townships for three years and also by farming. Determining upon the practice of law as a life work, he prepared for his profession and entered at once upon active practice in Hastings. He filled the office of clerk of the district court in Adams county from 1904 until 1912. Two years later he entered into partnership with John Snider for the practice of law and in 1915 was appointed city attorney, which position he now fills. He practices in all the courts and is regarded as one of the capable representatives of the Hastings bar, displaying ability in the preparation of his cases and in the presentation of his cause before the courts.

Mr. Bruckman was married on the 27th of December, 1903, to Miss Blanche A. Favinger, who was born in this county and is the youngest daughter of Solomon and Louisa (Betrier) Favinger, who in the late '70s came to Adams county, settling near Roseland. The father engaged extensively in farming and also became a general merchant of Roseland, where he continued business until 1907, when he removed to Hastings, where he now lives retired. He is a member of the Methodist church and his entire life has been passed in harmony with his professions.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruckman have become the parents of a son, Oren Russell, born October 5, 1904. Fraternally Mr. Bruckman is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He has served as vice president of the school board of Hastings but re-

signed that position to become city attorney. He is a democrat in politics and is a recognized leader in the "dry" branch of his party. He stands loyally for all those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride and has put forth earnest and effective effort for advancing the public welfare. He has a wide acquaintance and wherever known is held in high regard because of his sterling personal traits and the value of his service in public connections.

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### L. B. HOAGLAND.

L. B. Hoagland, the owner and manager of the Hoagland New Process Laundry, located at No. 515 West Third street, Hastings, has gained a place among the aggressive and successful business men of the city and has built up a trade of gratifying proportions. He was born in Pennsylvania on the 22d of August, 1875, and is a son of Jonathan J. and E. M. (Goss) Hoagland, who came to Nebraska with their family in 1877. They located on a rented farm three miles south of Hastings and remained there for eight years, after which removal was made to Custer county. The father there met his death in a fire and in 1886 the family removed to Hastings, where the mother is still living. In early life the father was a contractor and general merchant but after coming to Nebraska followed agricultural pursuits.

L. B. Hoagland attended the public schools but did not consider his education completed when his textbooks were put aside. He has been a careful observer and has learned much from his contact with the world. In 1896 he became connected with his present line of business, buying out with a partner the Queen City Laundry, which he conducted for eighteen months, after which the plant was sold and Mr. Hoagland became deputy water commissioner of Hastings, an office which he filled capably for a year. In 1904 he established the Hoagland New Process Laundry, which he has since conducted and which has gained a large patronage from the best people of Hastings. The laundry is equipped with the most modern machinery and the highest standards are insisted upon in all departments. Employment is furnished to about nineteen people and one wagon is used in collecting and delivering laundry. The plant occupies an entire floor and its patronage has shown a steady increase as the high quality of the work done has become more widely known. Our subject is asso-



ciated in the ownership of the business with his brother, W. L. Hoagland.

Mr. Hoagland of this review was married on the 10th of December, 1910, to Miss Gertrude More and they have two daughters, Ruth and Bernice. He advocates the principles of the republican party and loyally supports its candidates at the polls but has never desired office as a reward for his fealty. Fraternally he belongs to the Eagles and both he and his wife are Protestants in their religious faith. He finds much pleasure and needed recreation in hunting and in other forms of outdoor life and thus maintains that physical vigor which is so important in the attainment of success along any line of activity. He is very much interested in the material, civic and moral advancement of his community and can always be depended upon to further progressive movements. He is highly respected personally and all who have come into contact with him recognize his business ability and his sterling integrity. He is very progressive and is always willing to adopt any new method of conducting his business that promises to increase its efficiency or to better the service given his patrons. He keeps in close touch with what is being done by other men in his line through his membership in the state and national laundry associations.

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### FREDERICK H. BLAKE.

Frederick H. Blake, engaged in the meat business at Hastings, Nebraska, has been a resident of this place since December, 1873, and may therefore well be termed one of its pioneer settlers. Throughout the intervening years he has been connected with its business interests and the spirit of enterprise has actuated him in all that he does, bringing him substantial success. He was born in Oxford, England, July 17, 1847, and there pursued his education, after which he was apprenticed to the meat business in his native country and has since followed it. He remained in England through the period of his boyhood and youth and was a youth of twenty-six years when he arrived in Hastings, Nebraska, where he has now made his home for about forty-three years. He has continuously engaged in the meat business for many years, being proprietor of one of the leading markets of the city, and he also conducted a cattle ranch in eastern Colorado from the year 1895 to 1900.

Mr. Blake was united in marriage to Emily F. Jones, and their children are: Frederick C., George, Ada, Thomas, Arthur, Annie,

Morris, Alice and James. In his political views Mr. Blake has been an earnest democrat since becoming a naturalized American citizen and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. About 1878 he joined the Masonic lodge and has since exemplified in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft, to the teachings of which he has ever been most loyal.

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### ADAM WARREN POWELL.

Adam Warren Powell devoted his life to farming and ranked among the most prosperous and efficient agriculturists of Kenesaw township. He was born upon a farm in Orange county, New York, on the 12th of January, 1830, of the marriage of Thomas and Hannah (Howell) Powell. He received the usual schooling of the period and like other farm boys worked upon the homestead until he became of age. He then left home and went to live with an aunt in Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania. He rented a farm, which he operated until he enlisted as a private in Company L, Fifteenth Regiment, New York Volunteer Engineers. He served with that command until the close of the war, making a thoroughly creditable record as a soldier, and in June, 1865, was honorably discharged from the military service. He returned to Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania, and farmed there until 1873, when he came to Adams county, Nebraska. He homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land in Kenesaw township and some idea may be gained of the pioneer conditions which prevailed then from the fact that he broke the sod with oxen and lived in a sod house. At length, however, he had all of his land under cultivation and as his resources increased he made many improvements upon the farm, erecting a substantial residence and other necessary buildings. He added eighty acres to his original homestead and at the time of his death on the 29th of June, 1897, was in very comfortable circumstances.

Mr. Powell was married on the 12th of January, 1854, to Miss Rachel M. Edwards, who was born on the 11th of May, 1830, in Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Richard and Asenath Edwards. Her father was a veteran of the War of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Powell became the parents of eight children, seven of whom are living, namely: Clarence, a resident of Smithfield, Nebraska; Nora, the wife of R. Besecker, of Smithfield; Angie, who married E. Oster, of Boulder, Colorado; Ella, the wife of L. Ketcham, of Madison, Wisconsin; Roenna, who married F. Cook, of Buda,

Nebraska; Jerusha, the wife of H. Armitage, of Kenesaw; and Loren, who is farming the homestead.

Mr. Powell supported the republican party at the polls but was not an office seeker. Through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic he kept in touch with other Union veterans and found much pleasure in this association. His religious allegiance was given to the Methodist Episcopal church. His success was the direct result of his industry, foresight and good management and none begrudged him his prosperity. His wife still owns the homestead of two hundred and forty acres and also holds title to property in Kenesaw. She is widely known throughout the county, in which she has lived for many years, and is highly respected and esteemed.

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### GEORGE WASHINGTON WOLCOTT.

George Washington Wolcott, deceased, was one of the successful and progressive farmers of Wanda township and was also connected with business interests as president of the Independent Telephone Company, which he aided in organizing. His birth occurred in Oneida county, New York, on the 3d of December, 1843, and he was a son of Josiah and Hannah (Russell) Wolcott. At that early day there were no public schools but the residents of a locality organized a subscription school, each family paying so much for each child who attended. In such a school George W. Wolcott received his education and during his boyhood aided in the operation of a sawmill. On the 29th of August, 1862, he put aside all personal considerations and enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-sixth New York Volunteer Infantry. He participated in much hard fighting, including the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and Little Round Top. On the 2d of June, 1864, he was taken prisoner near Richmond, Virginia, and was confined in the following Confederate prisons—Pemberton, Danville, Libby, Florence and Andersonville, in which he was held for six months. In December, 1864, he was paroled and in July of the following year he was honorably discharged from the United States military service.

Mr. Wolcott worked in a shingle mill until 1873, in which year he homesteaded a quarter section of land in Wanda township, Adams county, Nebraska. As the years passed he made many improvements upon his place, which he kept in a high state of cultivation, and he seldom failed to harvest good crops. He accumulated more than a



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE W. WOLCOTT



competence and was instrumental in organizing the Independent Telephone Company, of which he served as president and which he made a substantial and prosperous concern. He was progressive and up-to-date in all that he did and this characteristic was manifested when he built the first brick block and the first brick residence in Kenesaw, to which he removed in 1899.

Mr. Wolcott was married on the 4th of March, 1866, to Miss Celestia E. Burr, who was born in Lewis county, New York, and is a daughter of John and Abby (Tuttle) Burr. To Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott were born seven children, namely: Ervin E., who died in infancy; Arthur, who married Martha E. Finley and is living with his mother; Clinton A., deceased; Myrtle H., who was the second white child born in Wanda township and is now the wife of Samuel Colter and resides in Hastings; Harry E., a Baptist minister now stationed at Sumner, Nebraska; Guy E., a mining engineer in California; and Abby, who died when two years of age.

Mr. Wolcott was a staunch supporter of the republican party and took a very active part in local politics. He was called to a number of offices, serving as assessor, as justice of the peace and as a member of the school board and in all of his official positions made a highly creditable record. He belonged to the Baptist church, in which he served as deacon, and could always be counted upon to further all movements seeking the moral advancement of his community. Fraternally he was a member of Kenesaw Lodge, No. 144, A. F. & A. M., and he was also identified with the Grand Army of the Republic. The foregoing record of his life indicates that he was a man of influence in his community and was active along many lines. His demise, which occurred on the 17th of September, 1911, was sincerely regretted, and all recognized that Kenesaw had lost a prominent citizen.

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## ERICK JOHNSON.

Erick Johnson, who is living retired in Hastings, was for many years actively engaged in agricultural pursuits and was recognized as one of the most progressive and efficient farmers of the county. His place, which is known as the Rosedale farm, received the prize offered by the Lincoln Star for the best kept farm and in all of his work he used the most up-to-date machinery and followed scientific methods. A native of Sweden, he was born on the 13th of November, 1854, a

son of John Peter and Anna M. Johnson. The father engaged in farming and fishing and passed his entire life in Sweden, as did his wife.

Erick Johnson attended the common schools in the acquirement of his education and also assisted his father with the farm work, being so employed until eighteen years of age, when he emigrated to the United States. He lived at Lincoln, Illinois, for a time and while there worked at laying gas pipe at two dollars a day. In 1876 he came to Adams county, Nebraska, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land near Roseland but did not settle here at that time, returning to Illinois, where he was employed on the farm. Two years later, in December, 1878, he purchased a span of mules and with his brother, John, and two others started to drive to this state, but they were overtaken by a storm and when they reached Macomb, Illinois, they placed the mules in a car and shipped them to Adams county. Mr. Johnson was in straitened circumstances and in order to pay the freight had to borrow money at the rate of three per cent interest a month. He brought his land under cultivation as soon as possible and also rented an additional tract near Juniata, and as he was at that time unmarried he boarded while engaged in the development of his farm. Subsequently he took up his residence upon his place and as the years passed continued to improve his property, making it a thoroughly modern and very attractive farm home. It became known as one of the show places of the neighborhood and was awarded the prize offered by the Lincoln Star for the best kept farm. Mr. Johnson invested in additional land from time to time and acquired title to several farms in the county. On the 22d of August, 1914, he removed to Hastings, having purchased a beautiful residence at the corner of Tenth street and North Denver avenue. He has since resided here and is enjoying a period of comparative leisure made possible by his energy and good management in former years. He has not only been an important factor in the agricultural development of the county but has also been connected with its business interests, being a director of the Farm Mutual Central Fire Insurance Company of Hastings, president of the Roseland Grain & Supply Company, which position he has held since the organization of the concern, and vice president and a director of the Roseland State Bank. While actively engaged in farming he paid much attention to the raising of stock, finding that branch of his business especially profitable.

Mr. Johnson was married on the 15th of October, 1882, to Miss Alma Johnson, a daughter of John Johnson, who came to Adams county in 1879 and located near Hastings. Both he and his wife are

deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Erick Johnson have become the parents of the following children: John Elmer, who died when twenty-seven years of age; Mabel, the wife of A. W. Johnson, who is farming our subject's home place; and Carl Eric, who is eleven years of age and is attending school.

Mr. Johnson is a leader in local republican circles and has taken a prominent part in public affairs. During the sessions of 1905 and 1909 he represented his district in the state legislature and in his two terms of service aided in the passage of a number of bills that have since proved of great value to the commonwealth. He has also held local office, having been township supervisor of Roseland township for two terms and having served as school moderator for nine years. In religious faith he and his family are Lutherans and the principles which govern their lives are found in the teachings of that church. He is an enthusiastic motorist, uses his car in the management of his numerous farms, and is fond of all phases of outdoor life. He has always recognized the obligations resting upon a good citizen to further in every way possible the community welfare and has great faith in the future of this part of the state. His signal success indicates what may be accomplished when a man is energetic and progressive and is quick to recognize and utilize opportunity, for although he was practically penniless when he came to this county he is now financially independent.

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### WILLIAM THOMAS BLACKMAN.

William Thomas Blackman, engaged in the wholesale grocery business, has thus been identified with the commercial interests of Hastings since July, 1887. Honored and respected by all, there is no man who occupies a more enviable position in commercial and financial circles in his part of the state, not alone by reason of the success he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward business policy which he has ever followed. He was born in Beverly, Randolph county, Virginia, now West Virginia, September 2, 1853, a son of Judson and Philadelphia Burns (Rees) Blackman. His paternal grandfather, David Blackman, was the owner of large tracts of land in Randolph and Jackson counties of West Virginia. He was born in Connecticut but removed to West Virginia in the year 1822. The progenitor of the family in America was a native of Staffordshire, England, born in 1598, and was the Rev. Adam Blackman. In 1639



he crossed the Atlantic to New England and in 1640 settled in Stratford, Connecticut.

William Thomas Blackman supplemented a public school education by study in the State Normal School at Fairmont, West Virginia. There was a period, however, before his normal course that he spent in his father's general mercantile store at Beverly, West Virginia, being there employed until 1872. In 1873 he accepted the management of a general store at Moscow, Maryland, and in 1875 returned to his native town, where he was manager of a general store until the fall of 1876. At that time he removed to Peoria, Illinois, and was employed in a wholesale notion house until the spring of 1877, when he removed to Red Oak, Iowa, where he was manager of a general store until 1880. For five years afterward he acted as traveling salesman for a wholesale dry goods house of St. Joseph, Missouri, and for one year represented a Chicago house upon the road. In 1886 he purchased an interest in a wholesale grocery business at Red Oak, Iowa, and in July, 1887, removed to Hastings, Nebraska, where, with his business associates, he immediately afterward established the wholesale grocery business, with which he is still connected as senior partner. His trade has steadily grown in volume and importance and the business is now one of extensive and gratifying proportions.

Mr. Blackman married Miss Blanche Alpin Chenoweth, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Chenoweth, of Beverly, Randolph county, West Virginia, the mother having in her maidenhood been Miss Nancy A. Hart, a descendant of John Hart, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. and Mrs. Blackman have a son and daughter; Dr. Julian Raymond Blackman, who married Louie Ferris and resides in Hastings; and Marjorie Hart. In his political views Mr. Blackman has always been a democrat but has never been an aspirant for office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. Close application and intelligently directed industry have brought him to the notable place which he occupies as a leader in the commercial circles of Hastings.

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#### E. A. BRANDES.

E. A. Brandes is engaged in the automobile business in Hastings, in which connection he has secured a liberal patronage and operates a large plant. He possesses the spirit of enterprise which has ever characterized the upbuilding of the west. His birth occurred in Min-

neapolis, Minnesota, on the 28th of March, 1874, his parents being D. A. and Catherine Brandes. The family came to Nebraska in 1880, settling in Fillmore county upon a farm. They were pioneer residents of that district and became actively identified with the early agricultural development of that section of the state. The father was of German birth and served in the Prussian army during the war from 1863 until 1866. It was subsequent to that time that he came to the new world, establishing his home in Minnesota, where he remained until his arrival in Nebraska.

E. A. Brandes was a little lad of but six years when the family removed to this state and in the public schools he pursued his education. After his textbooks were put aside he devoted six years to general farming and then came to Hastings, where he entered the employ of Adams & Company, dealers in agricultural implements, with whom he remained, however, for but a short time. He then went upon the road as a commercial traveler, spending four years in that manner, at the end of which time he returned to Hastings and purchased one-half interest in the implement and automobile business of C. L. Jones & Company. This was run as the Jones & Brandes Company for a number of years and then the business was divided between E. A. Brandes and A. H. Jones. The former afterward bought the Odd Fellows building, a three story brick structure sixty-six by one hundred and twenty feet, and in the lower floor of this building conducts a large automobile business, the upper floors being used for lodge purposes. His service and repair departments are maintained in a large brick building at the corner of Third street and Denver avenue. Employment is furnished to twenty men and two stenographers, and in addition to his extensive business at Hastings Mr. Brandes maintains a large plant of similar character at Grand Island. He has the state agency for the Overland automobile and the agency for the Packard in a number of counties. He has placed many Packard cars upon the road and has also had a large sale for cars of lower price. As he has prospered in his undertakings he has made judicious investments in property and is now the owner of considerable farm land. He is regarded as one of the most successful automobile dealers in the state, his sales increasing annually until they have now reached a most gratifying figure.

On the 6th of November, 1897, Mr. Brandes was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Puls, a daughter of John Puls. To them have been born three children, Esther, Helen and Raymond. In his political views Mr. Brandes is independent, while his religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church. Fraternally he is a Mason,

having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. He is also identified with the Sons of Herman, the United Commercial Travelers, the Travelers Protective Association and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Commercial Club and cooperates in all of its plans and projects for the upbuilding of the city and the promotion of its material interests. He stands for all things which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. He is fond of outdoor life and finds in it his recreation and rest from the arduous cares of business life, to which he applies himself closely, as is indicated by the fact that he stands today among the most prominent automobile dealers of the state.

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#### HON. WILLIAM E. ANDREWS.

Hon. William E. Andrews, who has filled various positions of public trust in connection with Nebraska and with the federal government, now makes his home in Hastings. He was born December 17, 1854, near Oskaloosa, Mahaska county, Iowa, a son of George R. and Sarah Andrews, the former a farmer by occupation. He supplemented his public school training by study in Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa, and in Parsons College at Fairfield, Iowa, from which institution he was graduated June 10, 1885, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, while three years later Parsons College conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree. He worked as a farm hand for several years, however, before entering college and at different periods engaged in teaching in public schools, also in the Garden Grove (Iowa) Normal School and in different business colleges. In January, 1880, he was chosen superintendent of the schools of Ringgold county, Iowa. While in his senior year at Parsons College, in January, 1885, he was elected a member of the faculty of Hastings College and so continued for eight years or until 1893. He then became private secretary to Hon. Lorenzo Crouse, governor of Nebraska, and after two years spent in that position was elected to congress from the fifth Nebraska district, serving from March 4, 1895, until March 4, 1897. On the 9th of June of the latter year he became auditor for the United States treasury department. His varied service enabled him to learn the general conditions and needs of the state and federal governments from the executive and legislative points of view. While he was auditor in the treasury department the volume of business that passed

over his desk exceeded one hundred billion dollars and involved a careful study of the Wilson, Dingley, Payne and Underwood tariffs. The excellence of his record is indicated in the fact that not one dollar of that vast amount was ever charged back to the discredit of the office.

On the 1st of September, 1885, at Fairfield, Iowa, Mr. Andrews was married to Miss Mira McCoy, a daughter of Laben L. and Alice S. McCoy. Mrs. Andrews is a musician and held the chair of voice culture in Hastings College for several years. She was a member of the board of lady managers of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, was president of the Federation of Women's Clubs of the District of Columbia and is now a member of the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which includes not only clubs in the United States but also in Canada and other countries, the organization being international.

Mr. Andrews has always been a stalwart republican and adheres to the teachings of Washington, Hamilton, Lincoln and McKinley. He belongs to various fraternal organizations and has passed up through both rites of Masonry, taking the various degrees save the thirty-third of the Scottish Rite. He is also an Odd Fellow, Knight of Pythias, United Workman and Modern Woodman of America. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church, in the work of which he is actively interested. His influence has been a potent factor in advancing the welfare and progress of the state along educational, political and moral lines. He has never been content to choose the second best, nor has he ever deviated from the high ideals which are factors in bringing about a more advanced civilization.

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#### W. F. J. COMLY.

W. F. J. Comly, of Hastings, who has been connected with the railway mail service for thirty-two years, was born in Pennsylvania on the 27th of October, 1848, of the marriage of Joseph T. and Elizabeth (Thompson) Comly. The family removed to the vicinity of Brooklyn, Iowa, in 1871, and the father engaged in farming. Both he and his wife have passed away. To them were born three children, two sons and a daughter, of whom W. F. J. is the youngest.

He was educated in the public schools and after putting aside his textbooks devoted his entire attention to assisting his father on the farm until he began his independent career. For two terms he taught school in Pennsylvania and was similarly employed in Iowa for two

terms. Then, at the age of twenty-three years, he came to Nebraska and took up an eighty acre homestead near Hastings. After a short time, however, he sold a relinquishment to that farm and began working in the office of the Journal, which was then published by Wigton & Lewis. On leaving that place he went into the postoffice and after serving as clerk there for four years was given a run in the railway mail service, with which he has been connected for thirty-two years. He is quick, accurate and thoroughly reliable in his work and has made a record of which he has every reason to be proud.

Mr. Comly was married in 1876 to Miss Virginia Spooner, who passed away in 1890, leaving two children: Eleanor May, who is now Mrs. LeRoy Van Fleet; and Virginia, the wife of J. A. Lett. There are also two grandchildren. In 1894 Mr. Comly was again married, Miss Anna Rogers becoming his wife. She is a daughter of Thomas Rogers, who removed to Hastings with his family in 1885.

Mr. Comly is a republican but has never taken an active part in political affairs. He is prominent in the work of the local Presbyterian church, of which he has served as deacon, and he has also been chorister of the Sunday school. His wife is very active in missionary and Sunday school work and both are recognized as sincere Christian people. Mrs. Comly is also identified with the Woman's Club, to which she has belonged for fifteen years. Mr. Comly belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Loyal Mystic Legion and is popular within and without those organizations. He has always manifested the interest of a good citizen in everything pertaining to the general welfare and is highly respected by all who have come into contact with him. His home is at No. 720 North St. Joseph street.

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### GEORG UDEN.

Among the successful farmers of Verona township who have earned the title of self-made man is Georg Uden, who owns valuable land on sections 14 and 21. He is a native of East Friesland, Germany, and his natal day was the 1st of October, 1850. His parents, John B. and Anna (Mangela) Uden, were lifelong residents of the fatherland. To them were born six children, namely: Henry, deceased; Georg; John, also deceased; Onno, a resident of Adams county; Fred, of Hall county; and Kathrina.

Georg Uden is indebted for his education to the common schools of his native land and he remained at home until 1871, when, having



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attained his majority, he started out in life for himself. He had heard much concerning the superior advantages offered by the United States and, desiring to take advantage of them, emigrated to this country. He made his way at once to Secor, Woodford county, Illinois, and after working by the month for some time rented a farm. In 1880 he came to Adams county, Nebraska, and purchased the land on which the town of Prosser now stands but which he sold after the railroad was built through that section. Subsequently he purchased his present home place, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres on section 21, Verona township, and he has since acquired title to an eighty-acre tract on section 14. He has erected excellent buildings and otherwise improved his farm, which is in a high state of development and which returns him a good income. He engages in general farming, raising both grain and stock, and is at once practical and progressive in his methods.

When thirty years of age Mr. Uden was united in marriage to Mrs. Augusta Summerfeldt, and they have become the parents of seven children, namely: Adolph, who is farming near the home place; John B. and Fred A., both of whom are following agricultural pursuits in Verona township; and Walter, William, Emma and August, all of whom are yet at home.

Mr. Uden takes a keen interest in the questions and issues of the day and is independent in the exercise of his right of franchise. Both he and his wife hold membership in the German Lutheran church near their farm, which they aided in organizing. They also contributed generously to the building fund and have always taken an active part in the work of the church. Although Mr. Uden had no capital when he came to this country, he possessed energy and sound judgment and as the years have passed his industry and good management have enabled him to gain a competence. He has discharged to the full all the obligations resting upon him, and his genuine worth is recognized by those who have been associated with him.

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### GEORGE COLLING.

George Colling, a well known retired farmer residing at No. 628 South Denver street, Hastings, is also entitled to mention as a veteran of the Civil war. He was born in Prussia, Germany, in 1847, the fourth in a family of six children whose parents were Theodore and Elizabeth (Schadeck) Colling. The father, who was born in France



in 1803, was a contractor and builder by trade and in 1861 removed with his family from Germany to the United States, settling in Du Page county, Illinois, where he worked as a mason for several years. He passed away in Illinois on the 21st of June, 1880, in the faith of the Roman Catholic church. He was married in Germany in 1831 to Elizabeth Schadeck, a daughter of Peter Schadeck, a native of the Rhine Province, Prussia. Her demise occurred in Illinois on the 5th of February, 1879. She was also a Roman Catholic. To them were born the following children, all natives of Germany: Henry; Nicholas; William; George; Charles, a resident of Indianola, Nebraska; and Mary, John and Peter, all of whom are deceased and are buried in Indianola.

George Colling spent his childhood in his native country as he was thirteen years of age when he was brought by his parents to the United States. He continued his education in the public schools of Illinois and after putting aside his textbooks devoted his energies to farming pursuits. He remained in the Prairie state until September, 1872, when he came to Adams county, Nebraska, and took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land in Hanover township. At that time the place was a tract of unbroken prairie but he soon brought it under cultivation and as the years passed his resources increased. However, he did not escape the hardships incident to all pioneer life and he also had to contend with the grasshopper scourge and some of the winters were extremely severe, especially that of 1873, when the memorable blizzard occurred. He carefully conserved the fertility of the soil and added to the value of his farm by making many excellent improvements and in carrying on his work used up-to-date methods. He raised both grain and stock, finding this more profitable than confining his attention to one phase of agriculture, and his well directed efforts were rewarded by a substantial income. In 1904 he retired from active life and took up his residence in Hastings on the 1st of November. He has since resided here and is one of the valued citizens of the town.

Mr. Colling was married on the 9th of March, 1869, in Illinois, to Miss Mary E. Kinnear, a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Cline) Kinnear, both natives of New Brunswick, the former born in 1816 and the latter in 1821. In 1847 they took up their residence in Kane county, Illinois, where the father died twenty years later. The mother is still living at St. Charles, that state, and although she has reached the venerable age of ninety-three years is still enjoying excellent health. To Mr. and Mrs. Colling were born five children, as follows: Elizabeth Mary, whose birth occurred on the 25th of January, 1870,

is the wife of John Smith, who is farming two hundred and forty acres in Webster county and is the son of John Smith, Sr., an old settler of this county. To this union have been born three children. Bertha Jane, whose birth occurred in Adams county on the 31st of December, 1874, gave her hand in marriage to Henry Herren, a farmer of Blaine township, and they have four children. Anna L., who was born on the 12th of July, 1878, became the wife of John McKinney, a farmer of Clay county. She passed away leaving one child. Edward George, whose birth occurred on the 30th of December, 1881, is farming in Lincoln county, Nebraska. He married Emma Madson, by whom he has two children. Etta Natalie, who was born January 15, 1885, died on the 3d of February, 1887. The wife and mother passed away on the 18th of June, 1914, and is buried in a cemetery in Hanover township. She was a representative of the finest type of womanhood and was held in the highest respect by all who knew her and her demise was the occasion of much sincere grief.

Mr. Colling has always supported the republican party and for eighteen years served as justice of the peace and for many years as a member of the school board, proving very efficient in the discharge of his duties. He has manifested his patriotism by placing the public welfare above personal interests and in 1864, together with his brother, William Colling, he enlisted in Company A, Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to Sherman's army. He fought in the battles of Resaca and Atlanta and took part in a number of skirmishes, remaining at the front until he was honorably discharged on the 12th of July, 1865. He holds membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, thus keeping in touch with his comrades in blue, and he is also identified with the Sons of Herman. The success which he gained, which now enables him to enjoy a life of leisure, was the direct result of his hard work and thrift and none begrudges him the prosperity which is his.

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### LUTHER EGELHOFF.

Luther Egelhoff is proprietor of a barber shop at Hastings and is well known not only through his business connections but also by reason of his activity in political circles. He was born in La Fayette, Indiana, September 29, 1865, his parents being William and Mary (Baker) Egelhoff, both of whom were natives of Germany, born in Mainz. The father was twenty-two years of age when he crossed the

Atlantic to the United States, settling in Indiana, where he took up the occupation of farming. He became the owner of lands there and lived a quiet, retiring life but his sterling worth won him place among the substantial and honored residents of the community. In politics he was an active republican, giving strong indorsement to the party. He died in 1885, at the age of fifty-three years, while his wife passed away in 1893, when sixty-three years of age.

Luther Egelhoff pursued his education in the district schools of his native county and spent his boyhood days upon the home farm to the age of seventeen years, working as a farm hand. He then began learning the barber's trade, which he followed in Indiana until 1889, when he removed westward to Seward, Nebraska. He afterward followed his trade at various places in this state and in August, 1895, came to Hastings, where he opened a shop in the Bostwick Hotel which he has since conducted. In connection therewith he conducts a pool hall and both branches of his business are liberally patronized.

While residing at Seward, Nebraska, on the 1st of January, 1894, Mr. Egelhoff was united in marriage to Miss Rose Wood, a native of New York and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Wood, both of whom were born near Syracuse, that state. The father, who in early life was a sailor and later embarked in business as a jeweler, enlisted for service in the Civil war from Syracuse, New York, and remained with the army from 1861 until 1865, being promoted to the rank of captain. In 1873 he came west to Nebraska and took up his abode among the pioneer settlers of Seward county, remaining on his original homestead until he passed away in 1914 at the age of seventy-seven years. During the early period of his residence in the state he lived in a sod house and used an ox team in the work of the fields. His well directed labor as an agriculturist were eventually rewarded with a substantial and gratifying measure of success and as the years passed he acquired considerable property. He assisted in the organization of the Congregational church near his home and though a man of unassuming disposition was widely recognized as a citizen of value and worth. Mrs. Egelhoff also takes an active and helpful part in the work of the Congregational church and by her marriage she has become the mother of two children, namely: Marion, who is a high school graduate; and Stanley, a high school student.

Mr. Egelhoff holds membership with the Knights of Pythias lodge, in which he is serving as prelate. In politics he maintains an independent course, not wishing to be bound by party ties, his vote being cast according to the dictates of his judgment. He served as a member of the county board of supervisors in 1907 and was reelected

to that office in 1909. For three years he has been a member of the library board. He possesses a studious nature and is extremely well read. Although he had limited educational advantages in his youth, he has become a man of broad general information, is the possessor of a fine library and is regarded as one of the best posted men in the county. In religious belief he is a Unitarian and he holds to the doctrine of the brotherhood of man. In all affairs he is progressive, recognizing the duties and obligations of the individual to his fellowmen and at all times meeting and utilizing his opportunities for his own advancement and for the betterment of the community. His ideals of life are high and to these he strictly adheres.

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### THE NEBRASKA SANITARIUM.

The Nebraska Sanitarium at Hastings has the distinction of being one of the two institutions in the state prepared to utilize all the methods and appliances recognized in the modern sciences of hygiene, sanitation, rational medicine and hygienic dietetics and it draws its patronage from a large territory. It is situated in the east side of Hastings, removed from the noise and dust of the city, and is surrounded by Hartwell park with its beautiful lake, spacious golf links, fine trees and shaded lawns and yet it is close enough to the city to profit from the advantages which it offers. The building is heated by steam, lighted by electricity, provided with electric elevator service and every room has hot and cold water. The greatest care has been taken to provide everything that could in any way add to the comfort or hasten the recovery of the patients; and the spirit of the institution, which is one of helpfulness and service, is in itself an important agency in the restoration of health. The sanitarium is very different in its atmosphere from a hospital and is rather a home where those who are sick or tired may find cheerful surroundings and skilled attention. The institution pays especial attention to the treatment of chronic diseases and has every facility for the use of modern therapeutics. Great emphasis is laid upon hygienic food but no extreme dietetic ideas are exploited and it is recognized that the flavor and the dainty service of food are important as well as the amount of nourishment that it contains. Massage is used in the treatment of many cases and the sanitarium is completely equipped for treatment with both electrotherapy and hydrotherapy. Patients are trained to cooperate with the healing forces of nature and thus hasten their recovery. The sani-

tarium also maintains a maternity department. Although much of the work of the institution is of a medical rather than surgical nature there is a modern surgical department which is equipped with aseptic operating rooms and a surgical ward. All anaesthetics are given by a physician especially trained in anaesthesia and everything pertaining to surgical work is under the personal supervision of Dr. F. D. Haysmer, the superintendent of the sanitarium, who is a surgeon of established reputation. An additional point in favor of the institution as a place for the treatment of chronic and surgical conditions is that those suffering from tuberculosis and other contagious diseases are not admitted.

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### HENRY DRUECKER.

Among the most highly respected residents of Ayr township is Henry Druecker, who came to this country from Germany as a young man without capital but who possessed the greater assets of determination, enterprise and sound judgment and through the exercise of these qualities has gained financial independence. In all relations of life his conduct has measured up to high standards and his community has profited by his public spirit and his willingness to aid in movements furthering the general welfare.

Mr. Druecker was born in Westphalia, Germany, on the 19th of October, 1858, of the marriage of Christoph Plass and Sophia (Schaffer-Frans) Druecker. His father dying when he was but six weeks old and his mother when he was six months old, he became a ward of the state, which gave him a good education. He studied carefully the opportunities for advancement in Germany, and believing that at that time there was little chance for a poor man to gain success there, he began to investigate conditions in America. Becoming satisfied that they were favorable, he emigrated to this country when twenty-two years of age, arriving at Baltimore on the 16th of April, 1881. He at once continued his journey westward as he had decided to locate in the middle west and three days later he reached Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska. As it was necessary for him to secure work immediately he accepted a position paying ten cents a day but after a short time was given sixteen dollars a month and during the second year that he worked as a hired hand received twenty dollars a month and the third year thirty dollars a month, an indication of the satisfactoriness of his services. He carefully saved his money, prac-

ticing strict economy, and at length was able to begin farming on his own account on rented land. He was also married about that time.

After operating land belonging to others for four years Mr. Druecker came to Adams county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres one mile south of his present farm. For ten years he remained upon that place and his well directed industry and his thrift enabled him to add to his capital from time to time. At the end of a decade he purchased an adjoining quarter section, subsequently bought another adjoining one hundred and sixty acre tract and two years later purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty-six acres on section 34, Ayr township, on which he still resides and for which he paid ten thousand dollars. Three years later he added to his holdings by the purchase of four quarter sections in Zero township, three of which are in a body, and for this property he paid sixteen thousand dollars. He also owns stock in the Ayr Bank and in the Ayr Grain & Supply Company, which owns an elevator in Ayr. In addition to operating his home farm he, together with two of his sons, cultivates the three quarter sections in Zero township and the remaining quarter section in that township is operated by another son. All of his farms are well improved and he keeps everything in excellent condition, realizing that carelessness in that regard is one phase of inefficiency in farming. He has so wisely managed his farm work that he has secured a large return from his land and has also conserved the fertility of the soil and he has been quick to adopt improved methods of machinery, recognizing that advancement should be made in agriculture as well as in other forms of industry. During the '80s when times were exceedingly hard in Nebraska and many failed and left the state he remained here in spite of everything and by rigid economy kept his credit good and managed to gain a start. One of the factors in his success has been his unquestioned integrity and the certainty that he would meet all obligations that he might incur. His determination, his industry and his foresight have gained their reward and he is today one of the wealthy men of his township.

Mr. Druecker was married on the 3d of March, 1884, to Miss Louisa Albert, who was also born in Westphalia and is a daughter of William Albert. To this union eleven children have been born, five sons and six daughters, as follows. Ernest, who is operating one of his father's farms in Zero township, married Miss Amanda Brown, by whom he has a son, Clinton. William resides with his brother Ernest and is also operating land belonging to his father. Minnie gave her hand in marriage to Frank Robertson, by whom she has two daughters, Lucille and Mabel. Edward, who is residing on his



father's west farm, married Miss Birdie Vovard and they have a son, Darwin. Ella is the wife of William Ribold, who is operating the Mary Cole farm, six miles northeast of Ayr, and they have three children, Letta, Marguerite and Ervin. Lena gave her hand in marriage to Frank Basard, a farmer of Ayr township, and they had one child, who, however, died in infancy. Henry and Fred are both at home, as are Louisa, Tilla and Fern, all three of whom are attending school.

Mr. Druecker supports the democratic party in politics, being convinced of the soundness of its governmental policies. He is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church of Blue Hill. On the 8th of May, 1906, they sailed for Germany and remained for a month in the town where Mr. Druecker was born and also visited his wife's old home. Before returning they went to various places of interest in Europe and the trip was very enjoyable in all respects

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### MATT HEUERTZ.

Matt Heuertz, one of the financially independent and representative farmers of Juniata township, was born in Jackson county, Iowa, on the 23d of April, 1877. His parents, Peter and Johanna (Siren) Heuertz, were both natives of the grand duchy of Luxemburg but emigrated to the United States in young manhood and womanhood. Both settled in Iowa, where they were married and continued to live until the spring of 1886, when they removed to Adams county, Nebraska. The father owned a good farm on section 9, Roseland township, which he brought to a high state of development, and was progressive as a farmer and as a citizen, contributing to the development of his community along various lines of activity. He passed away in 1899, but his wife survives and is still living in Roseland township. To their union were born seventeen children, of whom Nicholas, Joseph, James, John Peter, Susie and John are all deceased, and one died unnamed. Those living are: John, who owns and operates a good farm in Roseland township; August, also a farmer of that township; Lena Katie, the widow of Martin Scheifelbein and a resident of Juniata township; Lizzie, who is now Sister Sabastian in a convent at Milwaukee; Mary, who is now Sister Fastina in a convent in Chicago; Anna, who is Sister Felix and is also in Chicago; Matt; Maggie, who is Sister Carista and is in Milwaukee; Nicholas, a farmer of Roseland town-



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ship; and Susie, the wife of Alexander Parr, of Roseland township. Of the four daughters who are nuns three are teachers and all are highly educated.

Matt Heuertz attended school in Iowa for two years and completed his education in the common schools of this county, to which he was brought when nine years of age. He began to assist with the farm work as soon as he was large enough and by the time that he reached maturity he was thoroughly familiar with all phases of agriculture. He remained at home until his marriage, which occurred when he was twenty-three years of age, and then began farming on his own account, operating land on section 9, Roseland township, for six years. At the expiration of that period he rented his present farm, which comprises the whole of section 16, Juniata township. He owns a half section in Holt county; Nebraska, a quarter section in Keith county and forty acres in Juniata township, this county. The large measure of success which he has gained is indicative of his ability and energy, and there is no more efficient farmer in the county than he. He not only understands thoroughly the cultivation of the soil and the care of stock, but he is also a business man of acumen and sound judgment.

Mr. Heuertz married Miss Susie Kolen and they are the parents of seven sons, Josef, Anton, Benedict, George, Edward, Adolph and Peter. Mr. Heuertz indorses the principles of the democratic party but does not consider himself bound by party ties, often voting independently. Fraternally he belongs to Hastings Council, No. 1123, K. C., at Hastings and, as this affiliation indicates, is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church. He has the greatest faith in the future development of his county and of the state as a whole and has given practical evidence of his belief by investing heavily in land, and the wisdom of his course has been justified as his property has increased in value and has also returned him a good income.

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### MRS. GEORGE H. NORTON.

Mrs. George H. Norton was long identified with the west. She became a resident of Nebraska in 1872 and became an active factor in the agricultural development of Adams county. She was born in Springfield, Pennsylvania, August 13, 1831, a daughter of Phineas Cromwell and Mary Marilla (Loomis) Williams, and a sister of Professor Alvin Dighton Williams. She was educated at North Scituate, Massachusetts, and in early womanhood took up the trade of coat

making in a tailor shop in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, becoming more than ordinarily proficient in that work. She continued throughout her life in active connection with business interests. For a time she was engaged in the millinery business, and later became interested in farming.

On Thanksgiving Day, the 30th of November, 1854, in Pawtucket, Massachusetts, now Rhode Island, she became the wife of George Henry Norton, a son of Joseph and Elvira (Davis) Norton, the latter a sister of ex-Governor John Davis of Rhode Island, and a cousin of Edwin Davis French, the New York artist. Mr. Norton was born May 7, 1833. Following their marriage, the young couple resided in Pawtucket and afterward at North Attleboro, Massachusetts. On the 8th of September, 1862, Mr. Norton enlisted for nine months service as a member of Company C, Forty-seventh Massachusetts Regiment, being in the command of Captain E. S. Horton. He was sent to New Orleans and on the 7th of March, 1864, he reenlisted as a member of Company C, of the Fifty-eighth Massachusetts Regiment, which was attached to the army of the Potomac under General Burnside and in the retreat from Fredericksburg, Mr. Norton was taken prisoner. He was sent to Belle Isle and soon afterward to Andersonville, where he died September 9, 1864.

Mrs. Norton thus left a widow and in straightened financial circumstances, went with her children to Minnesota to join her brother at Fairmont, Minnesota, where she resided until 1872. In that year she came to Nebraska and settled on a homestead claim of one hundred and sixty acres, directly north of her brother's home place in Adams county. This she cultivated and improved with the assistance of her eldest son and the younger children. She surrounded the quarter section with a honey locust hedge and planted shade and fruit trees, having at one time a fine orchard of apple, pear, plum and other fruit trees. She also planted a fine grove of cottonwoods which flourished for a number of years. She raised grain and wheat and made a living for herself and children with the help of the pension granted by the government. After living for a number of years in a sod house, she finally built a substantial six room frame house, which is still standing on the place occupied by her daughters. She also filled the office of deputy postmaster at Kenesaw in 1872-3.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton had two sons and two daughters: Delmur Dighton, a lumber merchant of Kenesaw, who married Miss Margaret Jones; Marilla Elvira; Melina Adelina; and George Henry, a farmer of Kenesaw, who married Miss Mabel Powers.

Mrs. Norton was a believer in the principles of the republican

party and she held membership in the Freewill Baptist church, in the work of which she was actively interested, becoming a teacher in the Sunday school. She died at her home in Kenesaw, July 9, 1894, in her sixty-third year, leaving a memory that is cherished by all who knew her because of her many excellent qualities and kindly deeds. She was a most devoted mother, making many sacrifices for her family and to her friends she was ever loyal.

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### EDWARD J. GIBSON.

Edward J. Gibson, a prosperous and up-to-date farmer of West Blue township, was born in Cass county, Michigan, on the 7th of July, 1867. His father, James M. Gibson, was a native of Sandusky county, Ohio, and was born on the 12th of June, 1835. He attended school in his native state when opportunity afforded and continued to live there until about 1865, when he removed to Cass county, Michigan. In 1886 he came to Adams county, Nebraska, and rented a farm two miles north of Hastings, to the operation of which he devoted his time for a number of years. He has now passed the eightieth milestone and is still in good health and takes an active interest in the affairs of the day. For some time he has resided with our subject. He was married in 1857 to Miss Katherine Bowers, of Summit county, Ohio, and she passed away on the 18th of March, 1897. To them were born three children, of whom our subject is the only son. Ella, born on the 6th of March, 1862, was a native of Ohio and became the wife of Edward Mead, who is a drayman of Hastings and who served as chief of the fire department for several years. She died on the 1st of June, 1903, leaving her husband and two children to mourn her loss. Mary, whose birth occurred in Cass county, Michigan, on the 27th of April, 1872, married Albert E. Troyer, of Boise, Idaho, and has one child.

Edward J. Gibson, the youngest in the family, attended the common schools of Michigan until he was eighteen years of age, and the following year accompanied the family to this county. For five years he worked for his father on the home farm, but in 1891 he rented land four miles northwest of Hastings on his own account and remained there until 1902. During the succeeding seven years he engaged in the dray business in Hastings, but in March, 1909, resumed farming, renting a place four miles northwest of Hastings. In 1914 he rented the Godfrey Marti farm five and a half miles northeast of Hastings.

and there he still lives. He is energetic and progressive and his labors are yielding him a good financial return.

On Christmas Day, 1901, Mr. Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Crissman, a daughter of Joseph W. Crissman, an old settler of Adams county, now residing in Hastings. Two children have been born to this union, namely: Marian, whose birth occurred on the 19th of January, 1903, and who is attending school in district No. 33; and Edward D., who was born July 15, 1905, and is also attending school.

Mr. Gibson gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and fraternally is a member of the Fraternal Union, an organization with headquarters at Denver. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church. He has so ordered his life that he has not only gained a gratifying measure of financial success but has also won and held the friendship and respect of those who have been brought into close contact with him.

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### ED TANNER.

Ed Tanner, a general contractor conducting business at Hastings, was born in New York on the 15th of September, 1863, a son of Job and Mary Tanner. It was in the year 1871 that the family made their way across the country to Nebraska, settling seven miles northwest of Juniata, where the father secured a homestead claim and engaged in farming for fifteen years. There were eight children in the family, three sons and five daughters, of whom Ed was the fifth in order of birth. Both the parents are now deceased.

Ed Tanner was a little lad of but eight summers when the family left the Empire state and came to the middle west, so that he was largely reared here amid pioneer conditions. He pursued his education in the schools of Adams county, conning his lessons in a little log school building such as was common in pioneer times. When his textbooks were put aside he concentrated his efforts upon farming and in fact his early training made him familiar with all the work of the fields from the time of early spring planting until after crops were harvested in the late autumn. When twenty-five years of age he concentrated his energies upon house building, into which business he had gradually worked, and since that time he has become well known as a contractor. He has been accorded many large jobs, including the making of the grade cut-off for the Hastings & Northwestern Rail-

road, a distance of five miles. He has taken contracts for paving and sewer building at Nebraska City, Aurora and Nelson and he put in the Y for the Burlington & Missouri Railroad. He has also taken large contracts for work at Grand Island and for paving and sewer building in various parts of the state and is now working on a big drainage ditch between Kearney and Minden. He employs about forty men and teams in the execution of his contracts, having sixty-five head of horses and all the equipment necessary for undertaking big jobs of the character herein indicated. He understands the scientific phases as well as the practical features of the work and is thus able to direct the efforts of those whom he employs.

In September, 1885, Mr. Tanner was united in marriage to Miss Helen Monroe, a daughter of Stephen Monroe, of Illinois. They had two children, Vernon and Roy, who are associated with the father in business, and there is also one grandchild. The family home is maintained at Crane and High streets, but the wife and mother passed away on the 2d of April, 1915, her loss being deeply regretted not only by her immediate relatives but also by many friends.

Mr. Tanner votes with the republican party but has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his time and energies upon his business affairs. In religious faith he is a Methodist, holding membership in the church in Hastings. In his business affairs he has closely applied himself to the duties at hand and at all times his course has been characterized by a progressive spirit. Industry has been his salient characteristic and diligence the directing force of his life. Advancement has not been accorded him but has been won at the price of earnest, self-denying effort, his undivided attention being given to business affairs.

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#### ALVIN DIGHTON WILLIAMS.

Alvin Dighton Williams was born October 3, 1825, at Smithfield Center, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, the son of Phineas Cromwell Williams, who in turn was an only son. The latter left Connecticut about 1820. He was orphaned at the age of ten years and had but little educational opportunity. He came of Welsh and English ancestry and tradition says that his ancestors were of the same branch as Oliver Cromwell's. The Williams family in Connecticut were generally well educated and tradition says that Thomas Williams was offered the presidency of Yale College but declined because of his con-

nection with Oliver Cromwell and his fear of prominence. Phineas Cromwell Williams became a carriage maker and farmer and devoted his life to those pursuits. In politics he was a whig and an ardent admirer of Henry Clay. He wedded Marilla Loomis of Troy, Pennsylvania, having spent his boyhood and youth upon a farm near that place. The Loomis family were English people from Connecticut and her mother's mother, a Godard, was Scotch-Irish. Both Mr. and Mrs. Phineas Cromwell Williams were members of the Freewill Baptist church. Their son, Alvin Dighton Williams, attended Whitestown Seminary and Hamilton College of New York and upon graduation in 1849 received his degree. Many years later the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Quincy College, now Chad-dock College of Quincy, Illinois, this honor being received in 1871. He worked his own way through the seminary and college, teaching and preaching and doing any work he could secure. At the time of his graduation he was ill with typhoid fever. He became a member of the Freewill Baptist church, having been baptised and received into the church of that denomination at Troy, Pennsylvania, June 2, 1839. Two years later he was licensed by the church to preach and given a quarterly meeting license by the Bradford and Tioga meeting in 1842. He was ordained at Carolina Mills, Rhode Island, in 1848 and became pastor of the church there for a time, later resuming the work after his graduation. During his college days he read a great deal of English literature and developed a taste for the best which he continued to cultivate and which he transmitted to his children. He bought books as he could afford them and acquired many by writing for publishers. When he came to Nebraska he brought with him a library of between fifteen and twenty hundred volumes.

It was in 1851 that Rev. Williams accepted a call from the church in Pawtucket, Massachusetts, now Rhode Island, remaining there for four and a half years, during which time he increased the church membership to more than twice its original number. In 1855 he assumed the pastorate of the church at Lawrence, Massachusetts, and undertook the work of raising money for a new house of worship which was finished in 1857. An all winter revival trebled the membership. In 1857 he suffered a nervous breakdown and a throat trouble developed into bronchitis which never afterward entirely left him. Physicians said he must leave the New England climate and recommended Minnesota. In the fall the family removed to Minneapolis where he took the pastorate of a Freewill Baptist church, but the throat trouble eventually obliged him to give up preaching and he devoted his time to teaching, writing and publishing papers. He established the Free-



will Baptist Quarterly, managing it for three years and finally becoming editor. He was principal of the Minnesota Seminary at Wasioja, Minnesota, until the war called forth the young men in attendance. He then went to Cheshire, Ohio, where for a year he was principal of an academy. He started the West Virginia College at Flemington, West Virginia, and served for several years as president. In 1871 he came to Nebraska and served for one year as president of the State Normal School at Peru. In August, 1872, he arrived in Adams county, Nebraska, and settled on a quarter section, cornering on the townsite of Kenesaw on the northeast, being the first permanent settler within six miles. He built the first permanent house and put down the first well. He bought railroad land and at one time had nearly eight hundred acres. He won a prize of forty acres near Firth for the best article on sheep raising in Nebraska, the prize being offered by the Nebraska State Journal. He also started the Kenesaw Times, later published by his son, and for one year he published the Register at Lowell. Subsequently he established and published the Hastings Nebraskan, of which he had charge for several years. He served for a number of years as a trustee of the Nebraska Hospital for the Insane at Lincoln and as a member of the state board of agriculture. At the same time he was conducting his private business interests, both wisely and well. He developed a number of farms near Kenesaw and proved up on a timber claim northwest of the town. During the '70s he acquired eight hundred acres of land in Nebraska, mostly in Adams county, and at his death he left an estate valued at about fifteen thousand dollars, his land bringing ten thousand dollars. His library of from twelve to fifteen hundred volumes was given to the Oakland City College of Indiana, of which he was president at the time of his demise.

While in Kenesaw Mr. Williams assisted in building a Freewill Baptist church and organized the church membership. He also aided in organizing the Hastings, Aurora and Nemaha River quarterly meeting, as chairman of the executive committee of the Nebraska yearly meeting. He organized churches at Marshall, Pleasant Plain, Long Branch, and Lincoln, Nebraska. About 1890 he went south and worked among the General Baptists. He became president of the Oakland City College of Indiana and was thus identified with educational interests at the time of his death. He had been state superintendent of schools in West Virginia in 1869 and 1870, and was principal of the State Normal School at Peru, Nebraska, in 1871-2. He held other positions of public trust, being chaplain of the Minnesota house of representatives between 1857 and 1860.



Always a stalwart champion of the cause of temperance, he was worthy chief of the Good Templars in Minneapolis and in 1860 was a delegate to the national convention which met in Nashville, Tennessee. He was made a member of the Association of General Baptists in 1891, so continuing until 1894 and was its moderator in 1891-2. In politics he was a republican from the organization of the party until his death. He supported the party as editor of weekly newspapers—the Kenesaw Times, Lowell Register and Hastings Nebraskan—and by correspondence to different papers including the Nebraska State Journal. While in Minneapolis about 1858 he joined the Masons and the Good Templars and was a delegate from the latter to the convention in Chicago at which was organized the prohibition party, though he opposed the organization, believing that the temperance movement had better remain non-political. During the senior year of his college days he was elected retiring president of the Phoenix society and also of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and was editor of college papers.

On the 25th of April, 1850, at West Falls, Maryland, Mr. Williams wedded Sarah Anne Harn, daughter of John and Charlotte (Hay) Harn, the former of English and the latter of English and German descent. They settled in Frederick county, Maryland, on a farm near Mount Airy. Mrs. Williams was the eldest in a family of nine. She educated herself and assisted her two sisters in securing a course at Cedar Hills Seminary for Young Ladies at Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, of which Rev. N. Dodge was principal and in which Mrs. Williams was an assistant teacher at the time of her marriage. She and her sister, Ellen D. Harn, were the first teachers of Frederick county, Maryland. Her oldest brother, Rev. George U. Harn, was a minister of the Church of God. He became identified with the abolition movement, joined the republican party on its organization and was killed while serving in the Civil war. Her brother Jesse died in the hospital during his service and another brother, Thomas, died from the effects of wounds. The children of Rev. and Mrs. Williams were Cromwell Harn, deceased; Emma Loomis, the wife of I. D. Evans; Mary; Minnie, who has passed away; Katie, the wife of Joseph R. Thrall; and George Thomas, who married Miss Grace Barton of Kenesaw and is now residing in Denver, Colorado.

It would be almost tautological in this connection to enter into a series of statements as showing Rev. Williams to be a man of broad scholarly attainment, for this has been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. Further evidence, however, of his position as a man of marked mentality is the fact that he was the author and pub-

lisher of various volumes including the Rhode Island Freewill Baptist Pulpit; Memories of Free Communion Baptists; Four Years of Cooperation in Nebraska; Life of Benoni Stinson; The Christian Church and its Institutions; and the Beginning of an Autobiography. After making a trip to Florida for his health he died at his home in Kenesaw, December 31, 1894.

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### C. W. WAY.

Hastings points with pride to the labors of C. W. Way, who is one of the leading architects of this part of the state. He was well trained for his profession and has made steady progress along that line since starting out in business on his own account. A native of Michigan, he was born in January, 1870, a son of George A. and Lydia J. Way. The father is a carpenter and electrical contractor and is now engaged in business at Champaign, Illinois.

Following the removal of the family to that state C. W. Way pursued his education in the public schools there and afterward entered the State University. He then entered upon practical work in order to complete his professional training, for in his university course he had specialized in those lines which fitted him for the work of an architect. In 1904 he came to Hastings and entered upon active practice. Here he has since remained and in the intervening period of twelve years has won for himself a most enviable position, while his ability has gained for him a liberal patronage. He has drawn the plans for the Clarke Hotel, St. Cecilia's church, the First Congregational church, the Madgett block, the Fraternity building, St. Paul's German Lutheran church, the Second Congregational church, the Zion German Lutheran church, the modern public school buildings, the Carnegie library and many of the fine residences of the city. All of these stand as monuments to his skill and are the highest expression of architectural art.

On the 2d of September, 1893, Mr. Way was united in marriage to Miss Helen Arnold, a daughter of Ernest Arnold, and their children are Elsie D., Hedwig, George and Norine. The family reside at No. 116 West Third street and in social circles of the city they occupy an enviable position. Mr. and Mrs. Way hold membership in the Episcopal church and he belongs also to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Commercial Club. In his political views he is a republican and keeps well informed

on the questions and issues of the day but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He enjoys hunting and motoring as a means of diversion and recreation from onerous business cares but his attention is chiefly concentrated upon his work as an architect and he stands in the very forefront of the profession in his part of the state. To broad scientific knowledge he adds an appreciation of architectural beauty and his buildings always constitute an expression of beauty as well as of stability and comfort.

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### DAVID H. R. GODFREY.

David H. R. Godfrey gained financial independence through the wise management of his farming interests and is now living in honorable retirement in Kenesaw. He is a veteran of the Civil war and in times of peace has manifested the same public spirit which prompted him to go to the defense of the Union. He was born on a farm in Noble county, Indiana, on the 25th of April, 1842, a son of Jacob C. and Rebecca (Douglass) Godfrey. The father, who was born in New York in 1815, died in Noble county, Indiana, in 1855, and the mother, whose birth occurred in 1822 in Ohio, passed away in Shelton, Nebraska, in 1909.

David H. R. Godfrey received the usual education obtainable during his boyhood and assisted in the operation of the home farm until he was nineteen years of age. On the 17th of March, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, Thirtieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Shenandoah valley campaign under Sherman and fought in the battle of Shiloh under Grant. Not long after that engagement he was discharged for disability, but subsequently reenlisted in Company B, Seventeenth Indiana Veteran Volunteer Mounted Infantry, with which he served during the remainder of the war. He was in a number of important engagements besides those already mentioned, including the battles of Lookout Mountain, Cumberland Gap and Chattanooga and was with General Buell when he chased General Bragg out of Kentucky.

On returning to civil life Mr. Godfrey engaged in farming in Noble county, Indiana, for two years, after which he went to Stark county, Illinois, where he worked on a farm for six months. His next removal was to Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he was employed in a saw-mill for two years, after which he went to Jewell county, Kansas. There he homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land and for



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seven years he concentrated his energies upon the cultivation and improvement of his farm. He met with the usual pioneer experiences, as that district was then on the western frontier. On leaving Kansas he came to Adams county, Nebraska, and became the owner of land in Kenesaw township. He engaged successfully in farming and as he managed his business affairs well he accumulated a competence which enabled him to retire from active life in the fall of 1915. He has since lived in Kenesaw and is enjoying a well deserved period of leisure.

On the 19th of September, 1863, Mr. Godfrey was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Gilbert, then a resident of La Grange county, Indiana. Her birth occurred in Erie county, Pennsylvania, and her natal day was the 24th of February, 1842. On the 19th of September, 1913, they celebrated their golden wedding and received the felicitations of their relatives and friends on their half century of happy married life. They have become the parents of eleven children, of whom five survive, namely: Joseph J., who is farming in Kearney county, Nebraska; James F. and Norman, both residents of Sumner, Nebraska; Ella V., the wife of F. Bowman, of Shelton, Nebraska; and Minnie R., who married C. Calkins, of Shelton.

Mr. Godfrey casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party but has not been otherwise active in political affairs. He is a member of the Christian church, is identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, finding much pleasure in associating with others who went to the defense of the Union in its time of need.

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#### A. J. VAN EVERY.

A. J. Van Every, conducting a house moving and general contracting business, makes his home in Hastings, but his business extends over a radius of one hundred miles. He is regarded as an expert in this line and thus a liberal patronage is accorded him from a wide territory. Mr. Every was born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, on the 3d of April, 1869, and is a son of James and Ruth Van Every, the former a pattern maker by trade, which business he followed to provide for his family. Both he and his wife are now deceased.

A. J. Van Every largely acquired his education in the school of experience and therein has learned many valuable lessons. He came to Hastings in 1889 when a young man of twenty years and was

employed in various ways in order to earn an honest living and gain a start in life until 1905, when he turned his attention to his present business. He handles heavy buildings and general contracts and his expert workmanship in this line causes his services to be sought over a territory covering one hundred miles in all directions from Hastings. He has taken the contracts for moving the Christian church, the Higginbotham house, the Burlington depot at Holdrege, the Loop City mill, which is the largest in the state, and the St. Paul courthouse. He understands both the practical and scientific phases of his business, knows to a certainty the kind of adjustment needed to insure safety from all danger in moving and directs the efforts of employes in a manner that produces the best results.

Mr. Van Every was united in marriage to Miss Ada Farner, a daughter of George Farner, of Ohio, who for five years was a soldier, serving throughout the entire period of the Civil war. The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Van Every was celebrated on the 6th of May, 1894, and has been blessed with the following named children: Mildred, now a student in Hastings College; Marian, who is teaching in this state; Irene, attending high school; Lucile; Robert; Ruth; Kenneth; Mary; and Alice E.

The parents are members of the Christian church and are well known socially in Hastings, where they have an extensive circle of warm friends. In his political views Mr. Van Every is a democrat and has taken a very active interest in local politics, doing all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. He is now serving for the second term as alderman of the fourth ward and he exercises his official prerogatives in support of every plan and measure for the general good. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. In all matters of citizenship he maintains a progressive spirit and seeks the material, intellectual, social and moral progress of his city and state, giving earnest support to all movements looking to the general welfare.

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### WILLIAM J. SHRIVER.

William J. Shriver, who has gained a place among the successful and progressive farmers of Denver township, was born in Noble county, Ohio, and is a son of Michael T. and Mary Ann (Hughes) Shriver. After engaging in farming in that county for a number of

years the father removed with his family to Iowa county, Iowa, about 1866 and there remained until his death, which occurred in July, 1913. His wife is still living upon the home place in Iowa county. Six children were born to their union, namely: W. J.; John S., who lives near Spencer, Clay county, Iowa; Elwood, a farmer residing in the vicinity of Jefferson, Greene county, Iowa; Emma, who is now Mrs. Joseph Misel and resides in Marengo, Iowa; Amos, who lives in Iowa county, Iowa; and Lucy, the wife of Atkin Pladen, a retired merchant living in Coleridge, Nebraska.

William J. Shriver was reared in Noble county, Ohio, and attended the district schools in the acquirement of his education. When eighteen or nineteen years of age he accompanied his parents to Iowa and assisted his father in operating the home farm until he reached his majority. He then rented that place and engaged in farming on his own account for a decade. At the end of that time he decided to try his fortune in Nebraska and located in Denver township, Adams county, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres on section 23. After farming that place for a number of years he sold in 1903 and took up his residence on his present farm, also on section 23. Although he supervises the operation of the farm he leaves the greater part of the actual work to his son, Emory A. Shriver. He has acquired title to other land in Denver township, owning two hundred and forty acres on section 35 and two hundred and forty acres on section 36.

Mr. Shriver was united in marriage in Keokuk county, Iowa, in 1873 to Miss Harriet J. Misel, a daughter of David and Martha (Tremble) Misel. Six children have been born to this union, of whom three are living. Martha died when eight months old and William passed away at the age of ten years. David Russell is a farmer living in Denver township. He married Miss Mattie Van Meter, by whom he has the following children, Ruth Mabel, William J. and Donald. Amos Emanuel died when a young man of twenty years. John Wesley, who is farming in Denver township, married Roxy Van Meter and they have two sons, Lester and James. Emory Andrew, who is operating the home farm, raises wheat, corn, oats and alfalfa and also a few hogs and cattle and his well directed labors are rewarded by good financial returns. He married Miss Bessie Brocken, of Kansas, and they have a son, Emory Lloyd, who is now two years of age.

William J. Shriver supports the democratic party in politics but has never been an office seeker. Both he and his wife belong to the United Brethren church and take a commendable interest in its work. He has so directed his labors and managed his affairs that he now



has more than a competence and all who have been brought into contact with him acknowledge his ability. Moreover, his personality is such that he has gained and held the warm friendship of those who have been closely associated with him.

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### JOHN HEMPEL.

John Hempel, a contractor and builder, is a prominent representative of industrial activity in Hastings, where there are to be seen many evidences of his handiwork in a number of the finest structures of the city. He was born in Russia on the 8th of July, 1862, and is a son of Jacob and Margaret (Gorman) Hempel. In the year 1876 the family came to the United States, making their way to Clay county, Nebraska, where the father homesteaded land and engaged in farming. He converted a tract of wild prairie into richly productive fields, from which he annually gathered good harvests, and his labors too were an element in advancing progress in pioneer times. During the later years of his life he put aside the active farm work and removed to Hastings, where he lived retired until called to the home beyond. His wife has also passed away.

John Hempel pursued his education in the schools of Russia, remaining in that country until fourteen years of age, when he came with his parents to the new world. Here he assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm and gave his father the benefit of his services until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he started out in business life independently. He had previously learned the stonecutting trade and had acted as foreman in the employ of Thomas Farrell, a contractor. When a young man he located in Hastings and has since been actively identified with building operations in this city. He secured the contract for the erection of the Clarke Hotel, the Young Men's Christian Association, Hastings College, St. Cecilia's Catholic church and the brewery. He has three times erected what is known as the Stein block, previous buildings having been destroyed by fire. He was also the builder of the Brandes garage, the Stitt garage and some of the principal business blocks and fine buildings of the city. His work is of an excellent character, his contracts are promptly executed and there is no sacrifice of labor or material in order to further his financial ends. He is straightforward and reliable in business and what he undertakes is done well. He built the laundry at the State Asylum, has remodeled many of the public build-

ings of Hastings and at all times is kept busy with the demands made upon him in the line of his chosen vocation.

Mr. Hempel has been twice married. He first married Miss Margaret Hemple and following her demise married Miss Christina Hane, a daughter of Phillip Hane. The children of his first marriage are Mary, Carl and William. He is a member of the Evangelical church and is a well known figure in fraternal circles, belonging to the Knights of Pythias, the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorasan, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In these organizations he has many friends, who esteem him highly because of his possession of that fraternal spirit upon which the different organizations are based.

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### RAYMOND CHRISTIAN NELSON.

Raymond Christian Nelson, conducting a photographic studio in Hastings, was born September 26, 1877, a son of L. P. and Nicholin (Larson) Nelson, who were natives of Copenhagen, Denmark. The father was born in the year 1838 and the mother in 1842, and he is now living in Los Angeles at the age of seventy-seven years. It was in the year 1868 that Mr. Nelson came to the United States, settling in Pennsylvania, where he conducted business as a mason and contractor. He afterward removed westward to Racine, Wisconsin, and for a time was a resident of Milwaukee. In 1897 he established his home in Hastings, where he continued in the contracting business until 1899, during which period he erected several business blocks and dwellings in Hastings. He then removed to Los Angeles, where he is still active in business, although he has now reached the age of seventy-seven years.

Raymond C. Nelson was the second in order of birth in a family of nine children. He pursued his education in the schools of Racine and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and at sixteen years of age began to learn the art of oil painting at Racine under the direction of Professor Hendrickson, who was head of the Art Institute at Copenhagen for six or seven years. He then took up the study of photography under H. S. Klein of Milwaukee, with whom he remained for three years. He afterward traveled all over the United States, making home portraits, and at length came to Hastings, where he maintained a portable gallery. When engaged in that branch of the art he at times had eight men in his employ. He became familiar with all branches

of photography and following his arrival in Hastings he took up his permanent abode here, having continued his residence in the city for sixteen years. He ranks today among the foremost photographic artists of the state and has taken many prizes at exhibits. His business is now extensive and in the conduct of his gallery he employs the most modern scientific methods and utilizes the latest appliances to insure the high quality of his work.

The excellence of his work is shown in the large number of prizes which he has won in photographic contests. He won two gold medals given by the Photographic Association of Nebraska at Omaha in 1903; the silver loving cup given by the same association at the same time; two gold medals given by the Photographers Association of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1904; a large valuable bronze vase given by the Iowa Association of Photographers at the meeting held in Des Moines in 1904; two gold medals and a loving cup given by the Photographers Association of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1905; a valuable gold medal given for entry in the grand portrait class open to the world at Topeka, Kansas, in 1905; the two gold medals of the Nebraska Photographers Association at Lincoln in 1906; silver cup at Lincoln in 1907; the grand prize of the Southern States Association in 1907; the first grand prize at the Jamestown Exposition in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1907, in a contest open to the world; the highest salon honors in an open to the world contest at Dresden, Germany, in 1908, when he received a magnificent gold certificate; the highest salon honors in an open to the world contest at London, England, where he received a gold seal certificate in 1909; the first prize, an Angelo trophy, in an open to the world contest, held by the National Photographers Association in 1910; a valuable cup in the grand portrait class open to the world contest of the Iowa Photographers Association in 1910; a silver cup in 1910, given as first prize by the Nebraska Association at Omaha, for work entered in the grand portrait class in a contest open to the world; a large silver cup in 1910 given in the grand portrait class by the Inter Mountain States Photographers Association in a contest open to the world; the first prize, a valuable gold medal given by the Kansas Photographers Association, to the grand portrait class open to the world; the grand sweepstakes trophy of the Nebraska Association in 1911; first prize of the grand portrait class open to the world at the Inter Mountain Photographers Association held at Denver, Colorado, in 1911, the prize being a valuable cup; first prize of the grand postrait class of the Missouri Photographers Association held at Kansas City in 1912; first grand portrait prize of the Iowa Photographers Association in an open to the world

contest at Sioux City, in 1912; first grand portrait prize at the International Photographers Exposition at Winona, Indiana, where he was awarded a valuable diamond medal in 1912; first prize in the grand portrait class of the Illinois Association—a gold medal—in 1912; first grand portrait prize, a silver cup, given by the Pacific Coast States Association in 1913; a loving cup given as first grand portrait prize by the Oklahoma Photographers Association in 1914; the first grand portrait prize in an open to the world contest held by the Texas Photographers Association in 1914; a gold and bronze vase in the first grand portrait class in the contest held by the Northwestern Association at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1914; the first grand portrait prize, a large silver loving cup, given by the Iowa Association at Des Moines in 1914; the first grand prize, a cup, given by the Northern States Association in 1915; the four hundred dollar cash prize in the American beautiful women contest held by the Ansco Company at Binghamton, New York; and the first grand prize, a valuable gold plaque, given at the International Exposition in New York city.

In early manhood Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Muench, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who was born in Calmar, Iowa, her father being Rudolph Muench, a native of München, Germany. Emigrating to the United States, Mr. Muench settled first in Calmar, Iowa, but several years later removed to Watertown, Wisconsin, where he died of typhoid fever. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have three children, Raymond, Ruth and Doris. Mr. Nelson has become widely known during the period of his residence in Hastings and in his business connections has gained prominence. He appreciates all the finer points of photography and his artistic taste and perception find expression in his work.



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