

The Martins were the very first to settle on this side of the Platte River. I believe as early as 1860, and they were obliged to carry arms at all times, and were frequently attacked by Indians. Two of the family are still residents of the neighborhood."

The story of the Indian attack on the Martin ranch is told in the chapter on Indians and Pioneers.

Spencer post-office was established in July, 1878, with George J. Spencer, master. Orchard post-office was established also at this time. Easton post office was discontinued some time ago, Dell Thompson being the last master.

Cairo post-office is presided over by George W. Wingert. It was established a few years ago on the Grand Island & Wyoming Central Railroad, eighteen miles northwest of the county seat. Near by was the Hart cattle ranch, and in the village George Elfus kept the grocery store, Thomas Shurtz a drug store and George Willing a furniture store. The lumber yards of the National Lumber Company were located here in 1885 or 1886. Abbott is ten miles distant from Grand Island.

Runelsburg, twelve miles from Grand Island, boasted of a flouring-mill in 1879. This was operated by E. Bussell. Robert Johnson's hardware store, T. E. Morrison's drug store, V. S. Runels' general store and post-office, J. W. Stone's saloon, Mrs. E. M. Runels' millinery, J. G. Phelps' harness shop and the law-office of H. P. Hulett, made up the business section of the village.

Shelton, twenty-four miles southwest of Grand Island, was settled by Joe E. Johnson in 1857. In 1873 the railroad company surveyed the town-site. In 1879 P. Walshe was postmaster; M. R. Wickmire, hotel proprietor; the stores of A. F. Bills, M. G. Lee and Ed Oliver were in existence. George Mortimer was railroad agent and justice, George & Zulauf conducted the flouring-mills, Rufus Mitchell had his broom factory in operation, Noble Walker and A. Wollaston were blacksmiths, Mrs. B. P. Thomson milliner, B. P. Thomson and J. N. Rice grain and implement dealers.

Jacob Sutter harness maker, and L. Craver, shoemaker.

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David Ackerman is the efficient clerk of Hall County, Neb., and to that place was elected by his numerous Republican friends in the fall of 1885. His peculiar fitness for this position was soon seen and recognized, and he has served by re-election ever since, his present term expiring January 1, 1892. He was born in Northampton County, Pa., December 8, 1847, and is a son of David and Catherine (Flick) Ackerman, who were also natives of that State, the father's birth occurring in 1818. The mother died in that State in 1863 when about fifty years of age, having borne a family of nine children, of whom David is the fifth, and eight now living. Three brothers served in the Fifty-first Pennsylvania Infantry, and one brother, John A., was killed in front of Petersburg, Va., August 1, 1864. David Ackerman received a common education in the schools near his home, and in youth learned the intricacies of farm work and blacksmithing, after which he engaged in the hotel business. In February, 1865, he enlisted in Company I, Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry, and served until the close of the war, after which he returned to his old home in Pennsylvania and began learning the drug business. After attending a college in Philadelphia for three years he graduated in March, 1874, and the following August came to Omaha and there entered the employ of C. F. Goodman, remaining with him until the 16th of August, when the following one and one-half years were spent in Grand Island in conducting a drug store for Mr. Goodman. The two subsequent years he managed a store of his own, then went to Fort Laramie, W. T., where he was engaged in buying cattle for two years. At the end of this period he came back to Grand Island, and after selling drugs on his own responsibility for one year he, in the fall of 1881, became associated in the real-estate business with J. E. White, entering in 1882 the United States land office as receiver's clerk, which position he held until January 1, 1886,

but as above stated has been ably performing his duties as county clerk since that time. He was married in April, 1877, to Miss Lillie M. Clark, a native of South Bend, Ind., born March 11, 1858, a daughter of E. V. and Catherine (Ault) Clark, the former born at West Liberty, Ohio, and the latter at Rochester, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman are the parents of four children: Mabel, David V., Julia M. and Nell M.

Charles L. Alford is very properly classed among the substantial, representative agriculturists and stockmen of Hall County, Neb. Now, just in the prime of life, he has become possessed of a desirable competence, the result entirely of his own management and will, and on his farm of 320 acres he has a comfortable residence, good barns of all kinds, an excellent bearing orchard and a grove of forest trees. He was born in Berkshire County, Mass., August 19, 1835, and is a son of Nathaniel and Maria (Waters) Alford, natives, respectively, of Connecticut and Massachusetts. Their union took place in the latter State, and here the former followed the occupation of farming. They moved to Iowa in 1856, where the father was engaged in tilling the soil in Fayette County until his death, in October, 1886. His wife died in Massachusetts in 1852. Charles L. Alford remained in his native State until he was twenty one years of age, and received the advantages of the common schools of that State until he was fifteen. He removed to Iowa with his father, remaining with him for two years, then married and began tilling the soil for himself in that locality, continuing until he came west in the fall of 1873. He first took up a homestead claim, but located where he now resides in the spring of 1875, his land being all in one body and one of the finest farms in the county. He is devoting some attention to improving his stock and now has a herd of twenty-one Poled Angus cattle besides a good herd of graded cattle. He has always been a Republican politically, and has held a number of offices of honor and trust in his township and county. He was married in Fayette County, Iowa, October 12, 1859, to Miss Sarah Thorogood, a daughter of Thomas Thorogood. She was born in New York State,

but was reared and educated principally in Iowa. She and Mr. Alford have two children: Edward (who is married, he and his wife being teachers of the county, he a graduate of the State Normal), and Charles A. (who is at home). Mrs. Alford is a member of the Baptist Church, and he is a member of the Farmers' Alliance and is auditor of Cairo Lodge.

John Allan. The sons of Scotland are well represented in Hall County, Neb., and although with characteristic modesty they do not assume to brilliancy in the forum, yet they hold conspicuous places in many pursuits which make Hall County a substantial star in the galaxy of Nebraska's many interesting counties. The subject of this sketch was born in the Parish of Arbutnot, Kincardineshire, Scotland, May 30, 1850, and is a son of John and Margaret (Watson) Allan, worthy people of that locality, whose pursuit was that of the agriculturist, which seems to have been the principal occupation in which both the Allan and Watson families were engaged, although branches on both sides have furnished professional men. Both families were noted for their rugged constitutions and longevity, characteristics which have marked them through several generations. John Allan, the immediate subject of this memoir, received excellent training in the public schools of his native land, and at the age of eighteen years came to America to seek his fortune, his first five years here being spent in different States throughout the East, South and West. In 1873 he came to Nebraska and located at Wood River, where he followed teaching school for about eight years, and during this time became favorably known to the public as a painstaking and conscientious man at whatever business he had in charge. In 1881 he left the school room to accept a clerical position in the office of the county clerk, his duties also comprising the work of the district court. After completing an apprenticeship of five months in this office he was appointed a deputy, which position he filled reputably until the fall of 1883, when he received the nomination of district court clerk, and was elected to this place by a handsome majority. He discharged his duties to the satisfaction of all,

and in 1887 his party (the Republican) honored him with a second nomination and election. He has not been inactive as a citizen outside of his official duties, as he has always extended the right hand of fellowship to all worthy interests which have come up before this young and enterprising city. Upon the organization of the Grand Island Improvement Company he became a stockholder and has contributed of his means to the support of it as well as kindred interests. He formed a very happy union at Grand Island, June 18, 1885, with Miss Fannie L. Garrett, a lady of many attainments and a daughter of James and Margaret A. (Gaskin) Garrett, who were born in the Isle of Man and Lincolnshire, England, respectively. Mrs. Allan has borne her husband three interesting little children: Margaret K., Leo G. and Ralph H. Mr. Allen is a member of the I. O. O. F., Lieder kranz, A. O. U. W. and St. Andrew's societies. He and Mrs. Allan hold memberships in the Rebecca Lodge of the Odd Fellows, and they worship in the Episcopal Church, although Mr. Allan was reared a Presbyterian. In this matter he holds very liberal views, and in his contributions donates to all religious as well as all moral institutions, and is respected as an honest and reliable official and citizen.

Zelotes Avery, a member of the firm of Avery & Son, contractors and builders of Grand Island, Neb., was born in what was then Genesee County, N. Y. (now Wyoming County), February 23, 1824, being a son of Horace and Susan (Joslen) Avery, the former a native of Connecticut, a farmer by occupation, and a son of Moses Avery, a soldier in the Revolutionary War from the "Nutmeg State." The latter was born in Connecticut, and married there, and was a son of an Englishman. The history of the Avery family in America is traced back to three brothers who came to the New World in that good old ship the Mayflower. Susan (Joslen) Avery was a daughter of Nehemiah Joslen, who was a native of York State, a farmer by occupation, and a man of sterling worth and integrity. Horace Avery moved with his family to Canada, and was a resident of Oxford County until 1836, when he moved to Clinton County, Mich., and

settled in St. Johns, in which place Zelotes Avery grew to manhood and was educated. In the year 1862 he enlisted in Company A, Twenty-third Michigan Volunteer Infantry, which company he helped to organize, but after a short service he was honorably discharged on account of disability on February 1, 1863, and for ten years there after he was an invalid and unable to do but very little work. In 1876 he and his father came to Nebraska and located upon a large tract of land in Hall County, and here the father died in 1878 of cancer of the stomach. Zelotes was married in Michigan to Miss Phoebe Ferdon, a native of Rochester, N. Y., and a daughter of John Ferdon, but he was called upon to mourn her untimely death in 1869, she leaving him with three sons and a daughter to care for: Horace W. (who was killed in 1880 in a railroad disaster on the Fort Worth & Santa Fe Railroad), John H. (is a sailor), Alton M. (is associated with his father in business), and Alta M. (who is the wife of Frank Voorhees, of St. Johns, Mich.). In 1876 Mr. Avery married Mrs. Henrietta Haynes, of St. Johns, Mich., she having been previously married to a Mr. Sampson. Mr. Avery has served as supervisor of the county for four years, two years from Martin Township and two years from Grand Island. He also served in this capacity in Clinton County, Mich., and was also sheriff of that county, and is now a member of the Lyon Post of the G. A. R. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His son, Alton M., who is associated with him in business, was born in St. Johns, Mich., in 1855, and in his early youth learned the mason's trade of his father, which occupation has since received his attention. He and his father constitute an enterprising and successful firm, and their work is always of the best. Alton M. Avery was married to Miss Frankie Sampson, a daughter of his father's second wife, and to their union a family of two sons and a daughter have been born.

Hon. Alexander Hall Baker, agent in the United States land office at Grand Island, Neb., and receiver of public lands, is a native of York State, his birth occurring at Springwater, Livingston County, January 29, 1823, his parents being Samuel and

Saloma (Eldred) Baker, also natives of that State, and sturdy, honest and thrifty tillers of the soil. Both belong to prominent old New England families, the paternal grandfather being George Baker, and the maternal grandfather Capt. James Eldred, who was the commander of a United States merchantman. Hon. Alexander H. Baker was reared to manhood in Genesee County (now Wyoming County), and his earliest recollections are of assisting his father on the home farm and attending the common schools near his home. The husband and father died when just in the meridian of his manhood, and left his wife in somewhat straitened circumstances and with quite a large family to support, and Alexander was obliged to do his share in making a living. Upon attaining man's estate he engaged in farming for himself and became very successful, but the people of the East were too slow and plodding to suit one of his ambitious and enterprising disposition, and he longed for more room and better opportunities to try his strength, and these desires were soon gratified for the fertile prairies of Nebraska were about this time opened to the settler, and the young farmer and ex postmaster of Westerfield, N. Y., directed his footsteps thither in the spring of 1857. He pre-empted a homestead in Douglas County, which is now within the city limits of Omaha, and for many years was very successfully engaged in tilling the soil there. He was active in promoting the farming interests of that locality, and soon became well and favorably known, and during 1874-76 represented Douglas County in the General Assembly of Nebraska, which was a very fitting compliment to his citizenship, as the district was strongly Republican. During the years 1864-66 he was interested in freight transportation between Omaha and Salt Lake City, and this business was the means of his becoming thoroughly familiar with the country throughout the West. In 1881 he went to Rock Creek, W. T., and kept the Union Pacific Depot Hotel for two years, then returning to Grand Island, where he expects to make his permanent home. Upon the incoming of the Democratic administration in 1884, Mr. Baker received a general indorsement, both Democratic and

Republican, for his present incumbency, and has filled the position very satisfactorily up to the present time. He is a liberal supporter of all good measures for the advancement and growth of his locality, and he is one of the directors of the Grand Island Improvement Company, and one of the original stockholders. He is also a director of the Citizens' National Bank, the United States Investment Company, was one of the chief promoters of the Grand Island Street Car Company, and has served as its president since its organization. He is also a liberal contributor to churches, schools, etc., and is a man whose residence in any locality is to be desired. He buried a wife and two children, the only issue of the marriage in his native State, and formed a second union with Miss Mary J. Berlin, a lady of many attainments, a daughter of Jonathan Berlin of Pittsburgh, Pa., and by her is the father of a son, Alex Nelson, who is an intelligent young man, and is now taking a regular collegiate course at Stamford, Conn.

Daniel Baker, one of the pioneers of Hall County, located here in 1860 in what is now Wood River Township. He was born in Switzerland in 1829 and was the son of Jacob and Barbara (Walker) Baker, natives also of that country, where they spent their entire lives. The father was a rope-maker by trade. Daniel Baker remained in his native country until eighteen years of age, and there received his education. He then took passage for the United States, and after arriving here was in the livery business for a number of years. He then traveled for some time, and later was engaged in freighting through Nebraska, thus becoming thoroughly acquainted with the country. In 1863 Mr. Baker took up a claim which was partly improved, and in 1874 he homesteaded eighty acres, which he began improving. He was married in Hall County, in 1864 to Mrs. Ellen Fry, the widow of Charles Fry (who was killed in service during the late war), and the daughter of Joseph and Ellen Smith, natives of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Smith came to Hall County in 1861, and in February, 1862, he and two sons were killed by the Indians. The mother lived here for a number of years, and now resides in Beloit, Wis. Mr.

Baker has always taken a deep interest in political affairs and is independent in his views, although he generally votes with the Democratic party. He has been a member of the school board for years, and is a man who has the respect and esteem of his neighbors. Mrs. Baker is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To their marriage have been born three children: Anna (now Mrs. Judy, of Hall County), Matilda (attending school at Doniphan) and John. Mrs. Baker had three children by her first marriage, two living: Esther (married, and in Hall County) and Maria (now Mrs. Lord, also of Hall County). Mr. Baker has seen the complete growth of the county, having been a resident of Hall County since 1860, a period of thirty years, and has always taken a decided interest in all that relates to the good of the county.

C. A. Baldwin, the present surveyor of Hall County, Neb., is a native of York State, born in 1835, being a son of Anson and Elizabeth (Cadwell) Baldwin, who were also natives of that State, the former's birth occurring in 1809, and the latter's in 1814. They died in 1840 and 1835, respectively, Mr. Baldwin having been a captain in the New York State militia. But little is known of his family, except that his father was Curtis Baldwin, who was married on April 15, 1779, to Polly Chitenden, whose ancestry can be traced back to William Chitenden, originally from the parish of Marden, County of Kent, England, where he was born in 1594. He was one of a company of twenty-five from the Counties of Kent, Surry and Sussex, who forsook their native land and immigrated to the wilderness of North America, for the sake of religious liberty. He was one of the signers of the covenant on ship board to live on one plantation, and on May 20, 1639, they sailed for American shores and arrived at New Haven on the 10th of the following July, and settled at Guilford, Conn. William Chitenden became prominent among the leaders of the colony, and was one of a committee of six, who were appointed to purchase the site on which the town of Guilford now stands, from the Indians. He was also a member of a board that had charge of the civil government and spiritual affairs of the colony

for some time, and was the principal military man of the settlement, bearing the title of lieutenant. He had fought with the English army in the Netherlands, also the Thirty-Years' War, and had reached the rank of major. He was magistrate of the colony and deputy to the general court until his death. His old homestead has been in possession of some members of the family ever since, and at last accounts was owned by Hon. S. B. Chitenden, of New York. William Chitenden was married in England to Joanna Sheaffe, of Wanbrook, County of Kent, and by her became the father of eleven children. His son, Sergt. John Chitenden, was married to Hannah Fletcher, and died in April, 1716, at the age of seventy-three years, having become the father of six children, of whom Joseph was the third child. The latter wedded Mary Kimberly, of New Haven, and he also became the father of six children, and resided in Guilford until his death, September 11, 1827, when fifty-five years of age. His fourth child, Daniel W., married Abigail Downs, and five children were the result of their union. He was born in 1700, and died May 18, 1781, at Guilford, having become the father of five children. Jairus was his fifth child, and was married to Rebecca Hall, removing with her to New Durham, N. Y., in 1788, where he died March 9, 1828, at the age of eighty-two years. He was the father of nine children, of whom Polly, the eldest, became the wife of Curtis Baldwin, the grandfather of C. A. Baldwin, the immediate subject of this sketch. The latter was reared to manhood in the State of New York, and received a thorough education in one of the best academies of that State, giving especial attention to his mathematical studies, for which he had a natural aptitude and in which he became proficient. After reaching a proper age to engage in business, he became a hatter and built up a very large trade throughout the South, which bid fair to bring him in a fortune; but the breaking out of the Civil War ruined his prospects. At the early age of eighteen years he was elected by the town of Durham to represent it in the county convention, and served as a delegate in some capacity up to the date of his removal from that State. Finding himself out of

business, Mr. Baldwin went to Iowa in the spring of 1861, but the inducements to engage in business in that State were very discouraging, so he went to work by the day for a contractor and builder, and by the next spring had become so proficient that he was made foreman, and at the end of another year was contracting and building for himself. He continued to reside in Iowa during the war, and at the close went to Illinois, and for seventeen years worked as contractor and builder, also in the plow and machine shops at Bushnell. In 1884 he removed to Nebraska, and began contracting and building grain elevators, of which he has about twenty-three in the State, and as many more in Iowa and Illinois, exclusive of the work done in Kansas. Mr. Baldwin is a man of decidedly superior intelligence and takes an active interest in questions connected with his county and State; and owing to his especial fitness for his present position he was nominated by the Republican county convention for the office of surveyor, and was elected without opposition. He is looked upon by all as a man who will receive many honors in the future, and to say that he will deserve them would be to express the opinion of the public at large very mildly indeed. Socially he is a member of the A. O. U. W. and the I. O. O. F. He was married in New York State to Miss Frances Ham, a native of that State, and by her became the father of three children: Elba, Ord and Lillie. The mother of these children was born in 1837, and died in Independence, Ia., in 1865. Two years later Mr. Baldwin wedded Mrs. Lucy McNeal, and by her he also has three children: Frank, Fred and Myrtle.

Eli Allen Barnes, receiver's clerk in the United States land office at Grand Island, Neb., is a member of the State board of agriculture, and is one of the managers of that institution. He was born in Cayuta, Chemung County, N. Y., September 14, 1836, and is a son of Maj. Jesse and Rachel (Swartwood) Barnes, the former of whom was a farmer by occupation and a son of Abram Barnes, who was a native of Sullivan County, N. Y., and a soldier in the War of 1812, his father being a Revolutionary soldier from Connecticut. Rachel

Swartwood was a daughter of Gen. Peter Swartwood, an 1812 soldier. On both sides of the genealogical tree the ancestors were pioneers of the "Nutmeg State" from the Old World. Eli Allen Barnes obtained a good knowledge of the "world of books" in the common schools near his home and in Ithaca Academy, of Ithaca, N. Y., and after completing his course was engaged in wielding the ferule for some time, although his early occupation had been that of farming. October 1, 1856, found him in the State of Illinois, located on a farm in De Kalb County, and there he remained until the breaking out of the Civil War, and in 1862 joined Company G, Ninth Iowa Cavalry, and did active and honorable service for Uncle Sam until the latter part of 1864, when he was honorably discharged and returned to De Kalb County, Ill. He was married there February 22, 1865, to Miss Nancy E. Crego, a native of Chenango County, N. Y., and a daughter of Daniel and Ann (Kelley) Crego, who were also born in the "Empire State." In February, 1871, Mr. Barnes located upon a soldier's homestead in Hall County, Neb., and after making this his home for twelve years moved to Grand Island, and has since been engaged in clerical work in different retail houses, and has been postal and railway mail agent. He has always been interested in the agricultural affairs of the county, and was active in the early establishment of the Hall County Agricultural Society, and has contributed liberally to its maintenance. He served in the capacity of president four years, secretary four years, and has been a member of its executive board ever since its organization, with the exception of about three years. He was elected a member of the State board of agriculture in 1876, and has been re-elected each continuous term since. He has been superintendent of agricultural fairs for eight years, was elected one of the board of managers in 1889, and is re-elected for 1890. He is one of the original members of the Grand Island Improvement Company. He is a Royal Arch Mason, having become a member of that order in 1860, is a Sir Knight of Mount Lebanon Commandery, and is the present generalissimo; also a member of Lodge of Perfection No. 1, A. & A. S.

R., and a member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33, A. F. & A. M. He has served two years as councilman from the Second Ward, and the last year was president of the council.

Prof. Robert J. Barr, who for the past eight years has been superintendent of the city schools of Grand Island, Neb., was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., October 31, 1849, being the eldest of four children, three now living, born to the marriage of Jackson B. Barr and Lamantha Brink, both natives of New York. About 1852 they removed with their family to the vicinity of Greenville, Mich., and here the father followed the occupation of farming throughout the summer months, and that of lumbering during the winter season. Prof. Robert J. Barr remained on the farm near Greenville until he was eighteen years of age; but at the age of twelve years he had entered the high school of Greenville, and being studious, industrious and intelligent, he made rapid progress in his studies and received a thorough intellectual training. Not being entirely satisfied with his knowledge of books, he, after teaching school near Greenville, in the spring of 1869, entered the State Normal School of Michigan, at Ypsilanti, in the spring of the latter year, and this institution he attended four years, completing the full classical course, and graduating in June, 1873. During the fall of 1873 he was engaged for two months as a teacher in a district school in Washtenaw County, Mich. In January, 1874, he took charge of the graded schools of Algonac, St. Clair County, Mich., and held this position until the spring of 1875. In the fall of the latter year he became principal of the high school in Big Rapids, Mich., a position he held until March, 1876; then returned to Algonac and again took charge of the schools there, continuing until June, 1878. In September of the latter year he was married at Ypsilanti, Mich., to Miss Eva A. Bellows, a daughter of C. F. R. Bellows, professor of mathematics in the Michigan State Normal. In the fall of 1878 Prof. Barr took charge of the schools of Oscoda, Mich., where he remained for two years, and for the two following years he had the management of the schools of Au Sable, Mich. In the fall of 1882 he entered

upon his duties as superintendent of the public schools of Grand Island, Neb., and has filled this position with characteristic ability and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He and wife have an only son, whose name is Albert S. They are members of the Presbyterian Church, and Prof. Barr is a member of the Masonic lodge, in which order he has advanced to the Chapter degrees and the Fourteenth degree in the Scottish rite. He is also a Knight of Pythias and a member of the A. O. U. W. He has become well known as a successful educator, and as a citizen his standing is of the best.

George Bartenbach, alderman from the Second Ward, dealer in paints, oils, etc., and proprietor of the Grand Island Opera House, is a native German, his birth occurring in Tuttlingen, Wurtemberg, January 22, 1844, he being a son of Henry and Rosina (Stengelin) Bartenbach, the former a tanner and currier by occupation. George was the eldest of their five children, and after receiving a good schooling in his native land, he learned his father's business, and in 1866 came to America, landing in Castle Garden in May of that year, and sought employment at his trade, but found little encouragement to pursue that calling. He then turned his attention to other pursuits, and after working at various employments for some time, he entered the employ of Steinway's Sons, of New York City, and remained with them seven years, saving considerable money during this time. In 1878 he came to Grand Island, Neb., and after working for nearly two years in the Union Pacific Railroad yards, he opened a small shop of his own, and began selling paints and oils, and gradually increased his business until he now has an establishment which brings him in a comfortable income. Like all his countrymen, he is industrious and frugal, yet enterprising, and these characteristics, together with strict honesty, close application and perseverance, have placed him among the wealthy men of this section. His career is an excellent example for the rising generation, and shows what can be accomplished when there is a thorough determination to succeed, for on coming to this country he possessed but little means, was without

a profession or trade which was of any use to him, and was unacquainted with the English language. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., the Liederkrantz, of which he is treasurer, and he is a stockholder in the Grand Island Improvement Company, the Grand Island Canning Company, and also the creamery of that place. He built the Opera House Block, one of the finest buildings in the city, and he is also the owner of a handsome residence. He was married in New York City to Miss Charlotta Seivers, a native of Holstein, Germany, born March 1, 1844, and by her he has a son and daughter: Henry (who is associated with him in business) and Ella Ch. A son, Adolph, died. Mr. and Mrs. Bartenbach are members of the Lutheran Church.

John Boeck is a successful druggist at Cairo, Neb., and is a proper representative of the energetic young business men of Hall County, which has done and is doing so much for the advancement of the material interests of this section. He was born in Holstein, Germany, September 15, 1861, and received an excellent education in the common and high schools of his native land. At the age of fifteen years he entered college, taking a most thorough course, and from this institution was graduated in 1881, his course of study including pharmacy and a practical knowledge of drugs. Soon after leaving college he emigrated to the United States, and until the fall of 1883 he was engaged in clerking in a drug store in Grundy County, Iowa, which position he held for about two years. He then removed to Hall County, Neb., and first located at Grand Island, where he remained for about four years, and in the month of October, 1888, came to Cairo, and after clerking some time over one year he purchased his present establishment, and has since been actively engaged in business for himself. Being active, intelligent and enterprising, he has built up a paying trade, and his stock of drugs and medicines, paints, oils, school books, stationery and notions is quite complete. He is married, Miss Mary Wede, a native of Germany, being his wife. She was reared and educated in her native land. They have a family of three children: Etta, Meta and Albert. Mr. and Mrs.

Boeck are members of the Lutheran Church, and he is a member of the A. O. U. W. He is a man of excellent business qualifications and habits, and has made many warm friends since locating in Cairo, fully deserving the patronage he has won.

Alfred Herman Böhne, a leading undertaker and furniture dealer of Grand Island, Neb., is a highly respected and esteemed citizen in both business and social circles. His father, Henri Herman Böhne, who was a native of Osterkaplin, Hanover, Germany, emigrated to this country in 1834, being then twenty-eight years of age, and located in Beardstown, Cass County, Ill., where he was united in marriage in 1840 with Miss Selina Beard, of Burton, Ohio. Of this marriage there were three children, the eldest of whom was born August 27, 1842, and is the subject of this sketch. The father died April 8, 1847, at the homestead in Beardstown, thus leaving the young wife and mother alone to maintain the children and, unaided by a father's precept and example, to rear them to manhood and womanhood. How well her work is done the integrity of her sons and daughter will testify. In 1859 the widow became the wife of Rev. David Crawford, an Englishman by birth, and who died in 1881. The mother survived him until October 7, 1886, passing from this life at the home of her son in Grand Island, aged seventy-six years two months and twenty-six days. The early life of A. H. Böhne was spent in the vicinity of Beardstown, where he was employed in farm work. August 19, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was sworn into the Union army before his nineteenth birthday. He served with this regiment until May 1, 1863, when he was wounded in a battle near Port Gibson, Miss., after which he was placed in hospital at Memphis, Tenn. Having partially recovered he was removed to St. Louis and transferred to Company A, Second Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps. In December, 1863, he was sent to Jackson, Mich., when for several months he was on provost guard duty. Mr. Böhne received an honorable discharge from the service at Detroit, Mich., September 2, 1864. In 1865 he entered Eastman's National Business Col-

lege at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., but being a victim of inflammatory rheumatism was compelled to leave the institution before he had completed the course. Returning to Illinois, he located in Champaign County and engaged in farming. October 7, 1869, Mr. A. H. Böhne and Miss Lyde M. Craig, of Urbana, Ill., were united in marriage. In the spring of 1873 Mr. Böhne sold his farm in Champaign County, and accepted a position in the office of the Illinois Central Railroad at Rantoul. He remained there three years. In the spring of 1876 Mr. Böhne removed his family to Morgan County, Ill., where he turned his attention to the manufacture of drain tile for two years. The increasing demand of a young and growing family warned the father that he must take a long look ahead and provide for the proverbial "rainy day." Having tried farming, railroad work and manufacturing industry successively he became convinced, like many others, that to win in the battle for bread that should have its share of butter, or in other words to become a prosperous business man, he must "go West and grow up with the country." Grand Island, Neb., was the point selected. The move was made accordingly, the family arriving in Grand Island March 11, 1878, where they have since resided. The capital invested during the first five years consisted alone of that kind of stock that always insures safe returns, namely, industry, energy and economy, combined with the strictest integrity and a determination to gain a foothold. His first work was as salesman in an agricultural implement establishment; following this he was employed at the office of the Union Pacific Railroad for nearly two years. Subsequently he was in the employ of H. L. Burkett, at that time the leading undertaker and furniture dealer in Grand Island. In 1882 Mr. Böhne commenced in business for himself, and has since been prosperous in both branches as undertaker and furniture dealer. In 1887 Mr. George F. Ryan became associated with Mr. Böhne, the firm still existing as Böhne & Ryan. It is ranked among the leading firms of Grand Island; gentlemanly and accommodating in their business relations, honest and upright in all their transactions,

their ultimate success is both deserving and assured. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Böhne, six of whom are now living. The family occupy high social relations, and are esteemed for their intrinsic worth. They are members of the Presbyterian Church and congregation. Mr. Böhne is a member of Lyon Post No. 11, G. A. R., also of the A. O. U. W., being at the present time receiver of Charity Lodge No. 91. Mrs. Böhne is president of the Grand Island Woman's Christian Temperance Union, to which position she has recently been elected. She is also a member of the Nebraska State Board of Associate Charities and Reforms, and as such is a trustee of one of the State charitable and reformatory institutions. As a member of the Women's Relief Corps Mrs. Böhne was twice elected to fill the responsible position of department president of the Nebraska Women's Relief Corps. Mrs. Böhne's father, William Craig, was born in Shelby County, Ky., October 12, 1810, and in 1830 removed with his parents to Illinois, and was married in 1834 to Miss Martha Ann Dicky. He made that State his home until 1855, at which time he located on a one-fourth section of land near Omaha, Neb., which was then a mere straggling village, expecting to remove his family there from Jacksonville, Ill., at a very early date. He subsequently returned to Illinois, giving up his Nebraska enterprise on account of the ill health of his wife, but in 1859 he again returned to this State and engaged in mechanical business in Grand Island. In 1886 he visited Astoria and Coquilla City, Ore., and while there was stricken with a disease which necessitated the amputation of his limb. Since then he has been bed-ridden, and in this condition was brought back to Grand Island, the home of his son-in-law, where he desires to end his days. He is a remarkable instance of physical courage and Christian fortitude, and although eighty years of age, bed-ridden, partially paralyzed, and almost speechless, he retains to a remarkable degree his vigor of mind and an unusually cheerful appearance.

G. Frederick Brage is a well-known architect of Grand Island, Neb., and like others of this

calling in the town has won an enviable reputation, and is a skilled workman. He was born in Prussia, Germany, July 25, 1852, and is a son of David and Christena Brage, with whom he came to America in 1868. They first located near Watertown, Jefferson County, Wis., and here resided during the summer of 1868, but in September moved to Juda, Green County, Wis., and from there to Butler County, Iowa, in 1877. Two years later they settled in Franklin County of that State, and in 1882 came to Nebraska, and both parents are now residing in Merrick County of that State, their home being six miles north of Central City. In May, 1875, G. Frederick Brage left the home of his parents in Green County, Wis., and went to Milwaukee, but a few weeks later removed to Racine, and was there engaged in working at the carpenter's trade from June, 1875, until December, 1876, then spent the following winter and summer in Green County. In the fall of 1877 he accompanied his parents to Iowa, and this State continued to be his home until 1885. In 1878-79 he followed his calling in Hampton and vicinity, and during the remainder of his residence in Iowa he followed his trade in different places, and one summer was spent in millwrighting. After coming to Nebraska in the spring of 1885 he made his home in Hastings for a few months, but in November of that year moved to Grand Island, which place has since continued to be his home. He possesses much natural aptitude for his calling, and ever since his residence in this town he has been associated in business with C. C. Rittenhouse, of Hastings. Socially he is a member of the Masonic order and the A. O. U. W.

Charles W. Brininger is the present city clerk of Grand Island. He is a practicing United States land attorney and is also engaged in the real-estate business, being a member of the well known firm of Ross & Brininger. He was born in Middlebury, Elkhart County, Ind., December 14, 1864, and is a son of John and Julia Ann (Smith) Brininger, who was born, reared and married in Snyder County, Pa., and after the consummation of the latter event they moved to Indiana, in 1861. The father was a stone mason by trade,

and was a man who possessed many worthy traits of character. The mother died January 1, 1890, in full communion with the Lutheran Church, and is now lying in the family cemetery at Vistula, Ind. Four sons and six daughters of their family are living, of whom Charles W. is the youngest. He was reared in Indiana up to the age of fourteen years, then came to Nebraska and made his home with his brother, Alfred F., a merchant of Central City, and while with him learned all the details of mercantile life. He also followed the occupation of teaching for some time, and in August, 1883, came to Grand Island, as register clerk in the United States land office, and this position filled with ability until July, 1887, when he formed a partnership with Mr. Ross, and has been associated with him ever since. He was married in Grand Island to Miss Mary E., a daughter of John Johnson, a blacksmith of Greeley Center, Neb. Mrs. Brininger was born in Paterson, N. J., and has borne her husband a son, named Lucius Roy, and a daughter, named Carrie Fay. They attend the Episcopal Church, and Mr. Brininger belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the A. O. U. W., and is a stockholder in the Grand Island Improvement Company, a director in the Grand Island Building and Loan Association, and is now filling his second term as city clerk.

Russel S. Bruce, farmer and stock-raiser, Underwood, Neb. To the person who closely applies himself to any occupation which he has chosen as his calling in life, there can only be one result—that of success and a high position of esteem from those among whom he has made his home. And the case of Mr. Bruce is no exception to the rule, for from boyhood he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and his strict attention to this calling accounts for his success. He was born in Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio, in 1832, and was the eldest in a family of eleven children, the result of the union of James A. and Experience (Shaw) Bruce, natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. The father left his native State when a boy, emigrated to Ohio, and was married in Brown County of that State, September 14, 1814, to Miss Shaw. He was a cooper by trade, and in 1850 moved to

Illinois, settled in Bureau County, and there his death occurred. The mother is still living, and resides in Putnam, Putnam County, Ill. Their children were named as follows: R. S. (subject), John (married and resides in Putnam County, Ill.), William (died April 24, 1836), Ann (died in 1866), Mary M. (now Mrs. Smith, of Princeton, Ill.), Joseph (resides in Putnam County, Ill.), Carey I. (married and resides in Poweshiek County, Iowa), Irene (now Mrs. Bobeck, of Bureau County, Ill.), Experience E. (now Mrs. Biddulph), Emeline (now Mrs. Burnside, of Putnam County, Ill.) and James F. (married and residing in Putnam County, Ill.) Russell S. Bruce was early taught the duties of farm life, received his education in the schools of Ohio, and under the tutorage of L. D. Whiting, of Tiskilwa, Ill., and at the age of eighteen years went to Illinois, where he commenced farming for himself. He was married in Bureau County, of that State, in 1855, to Miss Mary A. Owen, a native of Marshall County, Ill., and the daughter of Roderick and Nancy (Adams) Owen, natives of Connecticut and New York, respectively. Mr. Owen emigrated to Ohio when a young man, was married in 1822 and settled in that State, where he learned the trade of a machinist and also worked at blacksmithing in Ohio and Pennsylvania. He and family came to Illinois at an early day, and in 1832 he erected a flour-mill on Crow Creek, the first in that section, people coming sixty miles to mill. Later he engaged in the plow manufacturing business, on a small scale, in Lacon, Ill. (1836), and after that began the manufacture of plows at Indiantown, later called Tiskilwa, where he built up a big business, and there his death occurred in 1860. His death was mourned by all. Mrs. Owen died September 28, 1849, at the age of forty-three years. Their union was blessed by the birth of the following children: William R. (enlisted in the Seventy-seventh Illinois Infantry, Company D, and served five years; was in the siege of Vicksburg, and was with the Western army; at the close of the war he returned to Illinois, and now resides at Tiskilwa), Pardon H. (married and resides at Port Byron, Ill., and is a teacher by profession), Sarah A. (now Mrs. Sheldon, resides in Louisville,

Polk County, Ore.), John Q. (manufacturer, now resides in Denver), Mary A., Permelia A. (was killed in Illinois in 1885), Ferguson (resides in Salem, Ore.), Harriet (died at the age of thirteen) and Helen (now Mrs. Starrett, of Denver, Colo.). After his marriage Mr. Bruce settled in Illinois and there remained until 1856, when he removed to Benton County, Iowa, and engaged in farming in that and Poweshiek Counties. In 1874 he moved to Nebraska and settled where he now lives, on eighty acres of land. This he has improved very materially, and has an excellent place. He is active in politics, is independent in his views, and his vote is cast for the best man and for the best measures. He was justice of the peace for about eight years. Socially he is a member of the South Platte Alliance, was one of the first members in the southern part of the county, and this is the oldest alliance in the same. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce are members of the North Hastings Congregational Church, and are active workers therein. Their marriage has been rendered happy by the birth of four living children: Edgar F. (married to Miss Mary Dings, and they have four children: Roy, Donna Belle, Edna Grace and Ada May; they reside in Grand Island), William M. (married to Miss Lola M. Oliphant, and they have three children: Earl, Loyd and Winnie; they reside in Banner County, Neb.), Winnie (now Mrs. L. T. Coulter, is the mother of one child, Vinnie, and resides on Elm Island, Hall County), and Edith May (now Mrs. Harvey Johnston). Mr. Bruce has seen the complete growth of the country south of the Platte, and there was very little settlement in this part of the country when he came here. Mrs. Bruce's grandparents, Amasa and Elizabeth (Dana) Owen, were natives of Connecticut, and emigrated to Scioto County, Ohio, at an early day. The maternal grandparents, Joseph and Abigail Adams, were natives of New York, and at an early day emigrated to the Buckeye State. Both died in Ohio.

Henry Chamberlin is the present efficient cashier of the First National Bank of Wood River, Neb., but was born in Dubuque County, Iowa, in 1855. When fifteen years of age he removed to Gentry County, Mo., and after obtaining a fair

knowledge of the common branches in the district schools, he entered a business college of St. Joseph, in which institution he thoroughly fitted himself for business life. In 1883 he came to the State of Nebraska, and opened a bank at Battle Creek, Madison County, which he successfully conducted for two years, then removed to Arapahoe, and was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of that place. In the meantime he opened a bank at Hornerville, but sold out soon after and opened another bank at Benkleman, and after selling this, established one at Akron, Colo. Upon selling his interest in this bank he and a brother came to Wood River and organized the Hall County Bank, but at the end of one year converted it into the First National Bank, and he was elected its president and his brother its cashier. After a short time the latter sold out, and he and his brother opened the Merrick County Bank at Clark, of which institution he is now president. Henry Chamberlin is the present cashier of the First National Bank, and is very painstaking and accurate. He was married in January, 1883, to Miss Lola M. Tomblin, and by her became the father of three interesting children: Marvin, Ada L. and Beulah. Mr. Chamberlin is a son of S. and Deborah (Price) Chamberlin, both being born in York State. They now reside at Stanberry, Mo.

H. P. Chapman, stock-raiser and bank director of the First National Bank of Wood River, Neb., owes his nativity to Ohio, where his birth occurred in 1848, he receiving a rather limited education in the common schools of Meigs County, Ohio. He was married in that county to Miss Hopy Thompson, a native of Ohio, born in 1850, and the result of this union has been four children: James F., Roma, Erma and Pearl (who died at the age of two years). After his marriage Mr. Chapman followed farming and stock-raising, but later sold out and moved to Hall County, Neb., where he formed the acquaintance of James Ewing, who owned a lumber-yard, put in money with him and enlarged the yard, after which he bought and shipped stock. He was in the lumber business for less than a year, when he sold out to R. H. Dodd and purchased a herd of sheep, and was the first feeder of sheep in

that vicinity. He has raised sheep in Ohio, and owned the second best shearing buck in Ohio, the yield being thirty-one and a fourth pounds. Mr. Chapman did fairly well at the lumber business, and in sheep he cleared over \$1,250 on the first flock of 600 head he fattened. He still continues to feed and fatten stock. He purchased his present farm of 250 acres in the fall of 1885, and he also farms a section of land besides this. He is feeding about eighty five head of cattle now, and generally feeds from fifty to 100 head each year. He raises from 100 to 150 head of hogs each year, and also raises horses and mules. He has been a stock holder and director in the First National Bank for nearly two years, and is a man well and favorably known throughout the county. Wood River runs through his land and supplies his stock with an abundance of water. Mr. Chapman is a member of the A. O. U. W., also the I. O. O. F. and Camp of the last named order. He is the son of Truman and Sallie (Strong) Chapman. The father was born in Massachusetts in 1816, emigrated to Northern Ohio when eight years of age, from there to the southern part of the State when twenty-one years of age, and in 1880 to Nebraska, where he is living at the present time. He is the father of four children, all alive. The paternal grandfather, John Chapman, was born in Massachusetts, but at an early period emigrated to Southern Ohio, where he was among the pioneer settlers.

L. B. Chase, sheep feeder and property owner, Wood River, Neb. Among the successful agriculturists of Hall County, whose merits are such as entitle them to representation in the present work, is Mr. Chase, the subject of this sketch. He was originally from New Hampshire, where his birth occurred in 1845, and there he grew to manhood, and received his education. He left his native State and emigrated to Nebraska in the fall of 1871, took a homestead, but did not keep it. He worked for James Jackson for the first year, then went to California and was engaged in the sheep-raising business for some time, realizing considerable profit from it, but lost all his money the year President Hayes was elected. He then quit

the sheep business and began operating a saw mill, which he continued for a year, after which he sold out and went to the northern part of the State. There he worked on a wheat ranch for a year and a half and then returned to his native State, where he remained for six months. From there he went to Wyoming Territory and purchased an overland mail route, which he conducted one year, clearing over \$1,000 at this. He then sold out and entered the mercantile business as clerk in a store at Fort Steele, W. T., where he remained one year, and then, in 1882, he came to Wood River, Neb., where he has since made his home. He was married in Grand Island to Miss Lena Lenson, a native of Sweden, born in 1861, and the fruits of this union were three children: Lee, Lon and Leslie. He purchased property in Wood River about 1884, and as he understands the sheep business he is engaged in feeding for various parties for three consecutive years. He has charge of and feeds 2,000 sheep this year for G. Ferris, of Wyoming. He goes out about the middle of April every year and for three and a half to four months shears sheep, getting from \$5 to \$12 per day. He gets \$60 per month for feeding sheep and is thorough and reliable in all his business relations. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the M. W. A., and in his political views affiliates with the Republican party. He is the son of James A. and Sarah (Cotton) Chase, natives of Vermont and New Hampshire, respectively. The father lived to be seventy years of age, and died in New Hampshire, and the mother is still living, is sixty seven years of age, and resides in that State. The grandfather, Edward Chase, was probably born in Canada, but died in Vermont. The maternal grandfather was in the War of 1812. Our subject's great-grandfather on the mother's side was the first child born in Grafton County, N. H., and the mother of his great-grandmother was half Indian.

Hon. Henry Emerson Clifford, probate judge of Hall County, Neb., was born in South Paris, Oxford County, Me., September 19, 1853, and is a son of Jonathan Kendall and Harriet Newell (Hall) Clifford, the former a son of David Clifford,

of South Paris, Me., and the latter a daughter of Maj. Cyprian Hall, of South Paris. Both parents belonged to old families of Maine and both presumably date their ancestry in America to the early pioneers of Massachusetts. Judge Clifford devoted his early manhood to teaching school, but his early predilections were for the study of law, but, like many another of the honored members of that profession in this country, his finances were limited and it was some time before he could find means to attain his end. He first devoted some attention to cheese-making and farming, after which he went to Worcester, Mass., and conducted a bakery establishment. All this time during odd months he devoted to the perusal of Blackstone and found but little satisfaction in other pursuits. In the spring of 1882 he came West and located at Grand Island, entering the law office of the Hon. O. A. Abbott, and in January of the following year was admitted to the bar. He at once entered upon a career of distinction and success, and business came to him unsolicited, for his strong good sense, his knowledge of human nature, his calm conservatism and his genuine legal ability were soon perceived and he gained the universal confidence of the people. He was elected to his present incumbency in 1889, but also served the city as clerk, justice of the peace and assessor. He is one of the original stockholders of the Grand Island Improvement Company, and supports all enterprises for the good of his community. He and wife are members of the Congregational Church, their union having taken place in Shirley, Mass., she being a Miss Hattie E. Whitney, a daughter of Rev. Charles H. Whitney, a Congregational minister. Mrs. Clifford has borne her husband a son, Leon E.

Hon. Irving M. Cole. Born in Jefferson County, N. Y., March 22, 1842, Mr. Cole is a little past his forty-eighth year, and a man well and favorably known throughout Hall County, especially in the vicinity of Cairo, where he is successfully engaged in the mercantile business. Irving M.'s father, Philip Cole, was born in York State and was married there to Miss Angeline Austin, they being also natives of Jefferson County,

but in 1844 they removed to Illinois, and in 1849 settled in La Salle County, of which they were among the pioneers, and are there still residing. They reared four sons and one daughter to mature years, and all are living at the present time and are the heads of families. One brother lived in Adams County, Neb., and one brother and sister in Hall County. Irving M. Cole attained manhood in La Salle County, and there received a good common-school education. On August 18, 1861, he enlisted in the First Illinois Artillery and was honorably discharged in October, 1864, having participated in the battle of Stone River, Chickamauga, siege of Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge and siege of Atlanta. He also participated in the capture of Island No. 10, was taken prisoner at Stone River, and was kept in captivity for about forty days at Libby Prison, after which he was exchanged; after his discharge he returned to La Salle County, and there continued the occupation of farming for several years. In 1876 he came to Hall County, Neb., and in January of that year he took a homestead claim near the present town of Doniphan, and here continued to till the soil until about 1885, when he sold out, moved to the town and embarked in the hotel business. In 1886 he came to Cairo, and now represents the North Platte Lumber Company, being manager of the business at this point. He carries a large stock of building material and is doing an excellent and paying business. He has always supported the Republican party, and in the fall of 1882 he was elected to the State Legislature by the people of Hall County, and filled the position with distinction in the Eighteenth General Assembly of the State. He is recorder in the A. O. U. W., and is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was married in La Salle County, Ill., December 22, 1864, to Maria, a daughter of Henry Lutchford; she was born in England but was reared and educated in the above-named county. They have four children: Sherman (who is married), Ida (wife of L. W. Lyon), Minnie and Wilbert. Mrs. Cole is a member of the Baptist Church.

Prof. Edward Everett Cole is the efficient principal of the Grand Island High School, and is

one of the prominent and most successful educators of the State of Nebraska. He was born in Henderson, Ky., August 5, 1859, and is a son of Rev. Jacob and Margaret (Worsham) Cole, the former of whom came from his native land of Germany to America with his parents when he was nine years of age. Upon reaching this country the family resided for a few years in New York City, after which they removed to Henderson, Ky., and here Rev. Jacob Cole was reared. He entered the Baptist ministry in early life, and for about forty years labored in that field, and during the late Rebellion he served as chaplain of Gen. Logan's regiment. He and his wife are still living, and their union was blessed in the birth of seven children, of whom five survive. Prof. Edward Everett Cole was the fifth of his father's family, and when but two years of age was removed by his parents to Du Quoin, Ill., where he resided until he was seventeen years of age, his early education being obtained in the public schools of that place. In 1876 the family removed to Champaign County, Ill., and in the fall of 1878 he entered the Illinois State University at Champaign, and in this institution completed a full classical course, graduating in June, 1882. He also during this time completed a military course in this same institution, and after leaving college decided to become a teacher, the first two years being spent as a teacher in a country school, the first year in St. Clair County, and the second in Champaign County. During the winter of 1884-85 he was principal of the graded school of Parksville, Ill., but in the fall of the latter year he determined to come westward, and during the winter which followed he taught a district school four miles north of Grand Island, Neb. In the fall of 1886 he entered upon the duties of his present position, and has filled it with characteristic ability ever since. He is a very thorough educator, and as principal of the high school of Grand Island has given the best satisfaction. He is an exemplary young man in every respect, and is an earnest worker in the Y. M. C. A. of Grand Island, and belongs to the Central Nebraska Teachers' Association. He was married July 12, 1887, to Miss Sophie J. Norris, a daughter of James F.

and Cordelia A. (Deekard) Norris, the former a native of Culpeper, Va., and the latter of Otterville, Mo. The mother of Mrs. Cole has been married twice, her first husband being Silas Jenkins, by whom she had four children, two now living. Her union with Mr. Norris resulted in the birth of five children, four daughters and a son, the latter being deceased. The parents of these children located in Grand Island in 1869, and are now among the oldest residents of the city. Prof. Cole and his wife are members of the Emanuel Baptist Church, and he is also a member of the M. W. A. Mrs. Cole is the eldest child born to her parents, and for six years prior to her marriage was engaged in teaching music, for which art she has much talent.

B. L. Colwell, farmer, Wood River, Neb. The subject of this sketch was born in Darke County, Ohio, in the year 1815, and is the son of John and Electa (Hand) Colwell, natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father was born in 1782 and was a farmer by occupation. He left his native State in boyhood, emigrated to Pennsylvania, where he married Miss Hand, and later moved to Darke County, Ohio. He was killed by a falling tree while passing through the woods in Cham-paign County of that State. In his political views he was a Whig. To his marriage were born nine children, eight of whom grew to maturity, married, and had families. As before stated, Mr. Colwell was killed by a falling tree, he had one brother killed by the breaking of a blood-vessel, and another killed by a kick from a horse. B. L. Colwell attained his majority in Ohio and was married there in 1837 to Miss Matilda Plummer, a native of Ohio, born in 1819. Mr. Colwell had very limited educational advantages in the primitive log school-house, with the puncheon floor, split logs for seats, and fire-place. After his marriage he resided in Ohio until 1850, and then emigrated to DeWitt County, Ill., where he remained for some time. When first settling there he had a team, \$200 in money and a family of five children. By energy, economy and close attention to business he made considerable money while in Illinois, and there remained, engaged part of the time in the

manufacture of brick, until 1882 he came west to have more room. He purchased 480 acres of land, his children are now residing near him, and he is prepared to spend his declining years in peace and comfort. Of the ten children born to his marriage, nine are still living, are married, and have families. They are named as follows: Fidelia (wife of Milton Giddings), Milton R. (married Ida Simpson), Hannah J. (wife of Mr. Brittin, who is postmaster at Wood River), Mel-lissa (wife of Nicholas Burchard), Orin T. (married Flora Mitchel), Sarah (wife of C. Brockelhurst), Peter E. (married Jennie Glendening), Savilla (married T. C. Taylor) and William (married Anna Potts). Next to the youngest was Mary, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Colwell are happy and contented, are surrounded by their children and grandchildren (twenty-three of the latter), and are universally respected by all acquainted with them. They celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in 1887 and received many valuable presents from relatives and friends as tokens of the respect and esteem in which they are held. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church, to which they have belonged for many years, he being one of the board of elders the most of the time. Mr. Colwell is a Republican in his political views, casting his first presidential vote for Harrison, the grandfather of the present President Harrison. Our subject's maternal grandmother was one hundred and five years of age at the time of her death, and his great grandfather, John Colwell, was a native of Ireland.

A. Conn, farmer and stock-raiser, Cameron, Neb. Let a man be industriously ambitious and honorable in his ambitions and he will rise, whether having the prestige of family or the obscurity of fortune. We are led to these reflections by a perusal of the life of Mr. Conn. This gentleman is another of the many citizens of Hall County who owe their nativity to the Buckeye State, his birth occurring in Ashland County in 1849. His parents, David and Elizabeth (Benett) Conn, were natives of Maryland. The father was born on October 21, 1821, and when about six or seven years of age went to Ohio with his parents. There he grew up and was married to Miss Benett. After living

in Ashland County for some time he moved to Illinois and became a pioneer of De Witt County. He resided there for about thirty years, and in 1880 came west to make his home with his son. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and in politics is a Democrat. His wife, who died when about thirty-six years of age, was of German descent. The paternal grandfather was born in Virginia, was married in that State, and was a Revolutionary soldier. He died in Ohio. A. Conn grew to manhood in Illinois, received a common-school education, and at the age of twenty-three years was married to Miss Jane Plummer in De Witt County, Ill., in 1872. Their family consists of the following children: Ada, Cyrus, Edward, Ray and Ethel. Mr. Conn farmed in Illinois until 1875, then moved to Nebraska and homesteaded his present farm. He owns 280 acres of land, is engaged in raising stock, and is one of the progressive and substantial farmers of the county. He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance, and in his political principles is strictly Democratic.

James A. Costello is the present incumbent of the sheriff's office of Hall County, Neb., and since his election to this position, in 1889, has proved an efficient officer. He was born in Pittston, Luzerne County, Pa., October 15, 1860, and is a son of Thomas and Hannah (Geary) Costello, who were born in the Emerald Isle, and came to the United States unmarried and alone. The father was a stonemason by trade, but followed coal mining in Pennsylvania until 1877, when he came to Nebraska, and has since been engaged in farming near Wood River. He and wife became the parents of five sons and three daughters, of whom the subject of this sketch is the fifth child. After the latter had attained manhood he engaged in farming and railroading, but abandoned the former occupation to accept the position of deputy sheriff under E. A. Wedgwood, which position he held during the most of that gentleman's incumbency, from 1887 to 1889. In the latter year he was elected to his present position on the Democratic ticket, although the county is strongly Republican. He has also served as treasurer of his district school

board, and was elected assessor of Jackson Township, but did not serve. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and is a stockholder in the Grand Island Improvement Company. Mr. Costello's brothers and sisters are: Michael J. (residing at Wood River), Katie, Annie (wife of John E. Phillips, a locomotive engineer of North Platte), Thomas F. (a railroad conductor on the Union Pacific Road), William W. (a fireman on that road), Mollie A. and John. James A. Costello is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

John Creason, farmer and stock-raiser, Doniphan, Neb. Among the agriculturists of this county, so many of whom are mentioned in these pages, is Mr. Creason, the owner and proprietor of a landed estate of eighty acres. His home is on Section 10, and to his chosen calling he gives close attention, and with the result which only such conduct can produce. Born in Des Moines County, Iowa, in 1848, he was the fourth in a family of nine children born to the marriage of John and Abigail (Hillman) Creason, natives of Ohio. The parents were married in that State in February, 1841, and the same year they came to Iowa, settling in Des Moines County, near Burlington. There he opened up and improved two farms, one in Des Moines County and the other in Lee, and remained there until 1865, when he emigrated to Nebraska, and settled in Nemaha County. There he continued to reside until 1872, when he came to Hall County and settled in Doniphan Township. He homesteaded eighty acres of land, built a good house and barn, but sold it in 1883, and moved to Doniphan, where his death occurred February 15, 1887, at the age of seventy-four years. The mother is living and resides in Doniphan, Neb. Of their children William H. (enlisted in Company D, Fourteenth Iowa Infantry, was under Gen. Grant, and was killed at the battle of Pittsburgh Landing), Sarah (now Mrs. Burge, resides in Brown County, Neb.), Martha (now Mrs. W. J. Burger, resides in Doniphan), John and James (twins), Maria (now Mrs. Joseph Denman) and Rhoda (now Mrs. Collins, of Nemaha County, Neb.) John Creason was reared with a farm experience, and received his educa-

tion in the schools of Iowa. He was married in Cass County, Neb., in 1870, to Miss Rutha Ballard, a native of Cedar County, Mo., and the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Goodwin) Ballard, natives, respectively, of Kentucky and Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard were married in Missouri and at an early day moved to Mills County, Iowa, where the mother received her final summons. Mr. Creason followed farming for himself on the homestead in Hall County, and this he has improved very materially since. He is a Republican in politics and served as supervisor in 1889. He has been a member of the school board, has been school treasurer, and is a man who has the confidence and respect of all. He is a member of South Platte Alliance, and is also a member of the A. O. U. W., Doniphan Lodge No. 76. Mr. and Mrs. Creason are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To their marriage have been born eight children: Della (now Mrs. Stanger, resides in Littleton, Cal.), Charley, Harvey, Kittie, Maud, Fannie, Josie and Iva. Mr. Creason has seen the country when buffalo and antelopes were numerous, and is one of the pioneer settlers.

Sumner Davis, M. D., is one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Hall County, Neb., and is a credit to the profession which he represents. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 27, 1857, the son of A. Judson and Adaline (Merrill) Davis, natives of Massachusetts and Ohio, and aged fifty seven and fifty-three years, respectively. The father was for many years a well-known merchant of Cincinnati, and still makes that city his home. Dr. Davis was a student in the public and high schools of his native city, and in 1879 began the study of medicine in the office of Prof. S. R. Beckwith, with whom he remained until 1880, when he entered the Chicago Homœopathic College, and was graduated therefrom as an M. D. February 28, 1883, and the following April was appointed one of the resident surgeons of the Cook County Hospital, of Chicago, which position he continued to hold until October 1, 1884. Then he received an appointment as demonstrator of anatomy in his *alma mater* for the term of 1884-85, being at the

same time associated in general practice with Dr. E. H. Pratt, professor of surgery in the same college. Owing to failing health he gave up a lucrative practice in this city (Chicago), and went to Southwestern Kansas, where he remained until July, 1888, when, having recovered his wonted health, he came to Grand Island, and here has established a practice second to none in this portion of the State. He is at once safe and skillful, and has shown from his earliest days of practice that he realizes the grave responsibilities resting on a physician, and the reception which he has received in his new home shows that a very generous share of public favor is his. While he is a graduate of a homœopathic institution, he is liberal in his views and independent in his practice, and in every instance uses those remedies he thinks best suited to the case. He makes a specialty of surgery and the diseases of women, and in those cases handled shows a thorough knowledge of the "healing art." Dr. G. W. Weeter is associated with him in business, the firm name being Davis & Weeter, and they constitute one of the strongest medical firms in the State. Their reception, operating and consultation rooms, consisting of a suite of seven rooms in the Independent building, are well equipped with everything needful for the comfort of patrons, who always receive every kindness and attention. Dr. Davis was married in November, 1886, to Miss Minnie B. Gray, who was born near Athens, in Clark County, Mo., and by her he has one child, Merrill Gray (born February 7, 1888). He is a Republican in his political views, and socially is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, the A. O. U. W. and the Royal Arcanum.

George P. Dean, chief of police at Grand Island, Neb., was born in Steubenville, Steuben County, N. Y., November 22, 1846, being a son of William C. and Mary (Ferguson) Dean, natives of New Jersey, the former a carpenter and builder by occupation. They moved to Michigan prior to the late Civil War and settled in Shiawassee County, from which place George P. Dean enlisted as a private in Company H, Tenth Michigan Cavalry, in 1863, and served throughout the remainder of the war, participating in a number of skirmishes and a



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few battles. After the cessation of hostilities he served in the regular army three years, being on duty throughout the South, and was discharged as sergeant of Company H, Eighteenth United States Infantry. In 1869 he returned home and in 1872 located in Nebraska, being engaged in farming until 1884, since which time he has successfully conducted a livery stable at Grand Island. He is now serving his second term as a member of the city board of supervisors, and while a resident of Mayfield Township was for some time justice of the peace. He is a stockholder in the Grand Island Improvement Company, the Canning Company of that city, and is a director and stockholder of the A. O. U. W. Building, he being a member of that order. He is a member of the G. A. R., being at present junior vice-commander, and has represented his post in the county and State encampments. He was married in Michigan to Miss Emily Ferster, a native of that State, and a daughter of John and Maria (Haggerty) Ferster, by whom he has a son and a daughter: Guy Morris (who is associated with his father in the livery business) and Edna May. Mr. Dean is a Mason and has attained to the Commandery. He is also a member of the Select Knights, and at present is commander of Grand Island Legion No. 9.

Hon. Z. H. Denman (deceased). Nature seems to have intended Mr. Denman for a long and more than ordinarily useful existence, but while just in the meridian of life his career was closed forever. He was born in Licking County, Ohio, March 26, 1834, and there he attended the district schools during the winter months, and assisted his father on the home farm during the summer until he was nineteen years of age, at which time he bade adieu to his friends and went to Martinsburg College, in which institution he remained until he graduated. Upon leaving college he spent some time in traveling and school-teaching, and upon attaining his twenty-fourth year was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Robinson, of Newark, Ohio. He then settled down to farming in his native county, and while there held the office of county surveyor several terms but resigned this position to move with his family to McLean County, Ill., in 1864,

being there engaged in tilling the soil until August, 1871, when he came to Hall County, Neb. Possessing great energy and much ability he was not long in securing a comfortable home for his family in his adopted county, and soon became the owner of a homestead thirteen miles southwest of Grand Island, on which he at once set energetically to work to farming and raising stock. Owing to his enterprise, integrity and honesty of purpose he gradually increased his acreage, and in time became the owner of several hundred acres and a large amount of fine stock. He was well known for his many sterling characteristics, and ever after locating here he had the interests of the county at heart, and was one of the first citizens to patronize any enterprise calculated to build up the county and benefit his fellow-men. His principles were always pure and true, his judgment sound, and his advice was earnestly sought by old and young in the community in which he resided. He was an active politician, and for many years held the position of county supervisor from Alda Precinct, and was renominated at the election in 1889 to the same office. In 1882 the people of the county showed their appreciation of his intellect by choosing him to represent them in the State Legislature, and the duties of this position he filled with honor to himself and his constituents. He was president of the Hall County Agricultural Society in 1889, and his administration of the affairs of this society was so satisfactory that he was voted the most popular man in the county by the citizens, and was presented with a handsome gold-headed cane as a token of their esteem. He was re-elected to the same office by the society at their last meeting and was looking forward with great pleasure to the time when the State fair would be held on the Hall County fair grounds. His death, which occurred very suddenly at the age of fifty-five years, seven months and fourteen days, was lamented by all who knew him, for he was one of the county's best citizens and a generous and loving husband and father. He was beloved and respected for his sterling integrity, sound judgment, broad intelligence, liberality and progressive ideas, and he may justly be said to have been a man among men. He

was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity and was buried with the honors of that order. In 1858, while a resident of Ohio, he was married, his wife being a daughter of Samuel and Harriet (Gray) Robinson, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Ohio. Mrs. Denman was born, reared and educated in Licking County, and her union with Mr. Denman resulted in the birth of seven children: W. C. (whose sketch follows), James S., Charles W. (married and residing on a farm), Ollie L., Lucius H., Hattie E. and Cary H. (the latter being thirteen years of age).

Z. H. Denman has long been noted for his skill in farming, and for the success which has attended his efforts in the stock-raising industry. He comes originally from a State well known for its intelligent, progressive and enterprising agriculturists, Ohio, which is his place of birth, his arrival on this "mundane sphere" being in the year 1844. He is the fourth of eight children born to W. H. and Mary (Brown) Denman, who were born in Ohio and Virginia, respectively, their marriage taking place in Licking County, Ohio. Soon after their union they moved to McLean County, Ill., and from there moved to Nebraska in 1855, and settled in Nemaha County, where he opened up several good farms. In 1868 he took up a residence in Hall County, Neb., and started a stock ranch, and after he had put things in good working order he brought his family thither (in 1871). He died on this farm in December, 1886, his wife still surviving him. Z. H. Denman was educated in the subscription schools of Nemaha County, and after assisting his father on his different farms and stock ranch until he reached manhood he began farming for himself in Nemaha County, and in 1871 came to Hall County, which has since been his home. He was married in Nemaha County, Neb., in 1866, to Miss Margaret E. Lowry, a native of Indiana, and a daughter of William and Sarah (Clark) Lowry, of Ohio, who came to Nebraska about 1857, settling in the above-named county. Here the father died in 1858, but the mother is still living and resides in Hall County. In 1871 Mr. Denman bought eighty acres of railroad land, but has since increased his acreage to 280, all of which is under

cultivation. He usually feeds from sixty to seventy-five head of cattle throughout the year, and finds this business very profitable. He always supports the Republican party, but is not an office-seeker, although he has been a delegate to the county conventions. A family of eight children have been born to himself and wife, six of whom are now living: Clara (Mrs. Park of Reno County, Kan.), Nellie F., Sarah, George S., Charley and Daisy.

Joseph A. Denman, farmer and stock-raiser, Grand Island, Neb. It has long since been acknowledged that no matter what a man's occupation in life may be, two very necessary elements to his success are industry and perseverance. This doubtless is the cause of Mr. Denman's success in life. He was originally from Licking County, Ohio, where his birth occurred on November 24, 1846, and he came to Nebraska with his parents in 1856. They settled in Nemaha County, and there our subject grew to manhood and received his education. He was early taught the duties of farm life by his father, and after attaining his majority he came to Hall County, where he purchased a fine tract of land. Two years later, or in 1874 he located on his farm and began improving the same. He has a good residence, a substantial barn, out-buildings, sheds, etc., and has a fine young bearing orchard. He has 120 acres of land, and all is under cultivation. Mr. Denman was married in this county on October 29, 1873, to Miss Maria Bell Creason, a daughter of John Creason (now deceased), who was one of the early settlers of Hall County. Mrs. Denman was born in Des Moines County, Iowa, but was reared in Hall County, Neb. To her marriage have been born four children, Lulu, John, Lama and Robert, all attending school. Mr. Denman is a progressive and enterprising citizen, and is liked by all acquainted with him.

J. W. Denman, farmer and stock raiser, Grand Island, Neb. On his present homestead of 160 acres of good tillable land, eighty acres in Alda and eighty acres in Washington Township, Mr. Denman is actively engaged in stock raising in connection with farming, and is one of the substantial

and enterprising men of the county. He owes his nativity to McLean County, Ill., where his birth occurred in 1854, and is the youngest in a family of eight children, born to the union of W. H. and Mary (Brown) Denman, the father a native of the Buckeye State and the mother of Virginia. The parents were married in Ohio, moved from there to Illinois, and in 1856 came to Nebraska, settling in Nemaha County, where he opened up a farm. In 1871 he moved to Hall County, settling on Section 12, Alda Township, where he purchased land and began improving the same. His death occurred in 1887. The mother is still living and makes her home with her son, J. W. The latter was taught the duties of the farm in boyhood, and received his education in the schools of Nemaha County. In 1880 he became convinced that it was not best for man to live alone and was married to Miss Ida Huhn, a native of Ohio, and the daughter of Jacob and Martha (McGee) Huhn, natives of Pennsylvania. Her father died years ago but the mother is still living, and resides in Doniphan Township. After his marriage, Mr. Denman settled on his present property and is one of the progressive citizens of the county. In politics he votes with the Republican party, but is not very active in political affairs. To his marriage were born three children: Bertie, Willie and Minnie. The family were among the early settlers of the county, and Mr. Denman has ever taken an active interest in all laudable enterprises for the good of the same.

Willie C. Denman comes from that land of progressive and enterprising farmers, the "Buckeye State," his birth occurring in Licking County, August 20, 1858, and since his residence in Hall County, Neb., he has been accounted one of the successful young agriculturists of this region. He came with his parents to Hall County, Neb., in August, 1871, and here received a fair knowledge of the English branches in the common schools near his home. He worked for his father until he attained his majority, then continued to till a portion of the home farm for himself, and was married November 14, 1888, to Miss Mary, a daughter of Charles Fuller, of Hall County. Mrs. Denman

was born in Iowa, but was reared and educated in Hall County, Neb., and her union to Mr. Denman has resulted in the birth of one child, an infant daughter, whom they call Bessie Mada. Since his marriage Mr. Denman has resided on his present farm, his home farm consisting of eighty acres of fertile and well-improved land. He has a neat one-story residence, and fair barns, granaries, etc. He also has 160 acres of grazing land, and seventy acres of meadow, in the Platte bottom, on which is a large herd of high-graded and some thoroughbred animals. He devotes his time to stock-raising and farming, and is considered a young man of energy, progressive spirit and clear perception, and gives every promise of becoming a wealthy citizen.

James Dermody possesses those advanced ideas and progressive views necessary to successful agricultural life, and his time, since starting out in life for himself, has not been uselessly or idly spent. He was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1819, and is a son of Timothy and Mary (Clancy) Dermody, and grandson of Thomas and Julia (Kelly) Dermody and James and Julia (Renohan) Clancy. James Dermody removed to Canada in 1846, locating in Ottawa, and here two years later he was married to Miss Mary Watters, a daughter of John and Catherine (Gavin) Watters, and granddaughter of James and Mary (O'Donnell) Watters, and — and Barbara (Kennedy) Gavin. To their union a family of eight children have been born: John (deceased), Thomas, Michael, Mary A., William, Barbara, Timothy and Martha. Mary A. is the wife of John Roach, a prominent young ranchman, of Custer County, Neb. Mr. Dermody has spent his life in farming and stock raising, and since the year 1872 these occupations have received his attention in Hall County, Neb. His farm is one of the finest and best improved in the county, and is especially adapted to the propagation of stock, and every acre is capable of tillage. Mr. Dermody's sons are now grown to manhood, and do the active part of the farm labor.

A. DeWitte, well known to the citizens of Hall County, Neb., as an active, successful farmer and stockman, has been a resident of Alda Township

since 1884, coming from Harrison County, Ohio, to Grand Island. He was born in that county in 1849, and was the eldest of three children born to John and Rachel (Turner) DeWitte, who were also born in Harrison County, Ohio, and of Irish descent. The father was a farmer by occupation, and made the "Buckeye State" his home until his death, which occurred when the subject of this sketch was a small lad. The mother died in the year 1872. A. DeWitte received the early education which usually falls to the lot of the farmers' boy, but possessing a naturally quick intellect he made good use of his opportunities and was soon able to make his own way in the world. His first venture for himself was as a farmer, and the result of his labor was so satisfactory that he has made it his calling through life, but came to Hall County, Neb., in the year 1884, and purchased 120 acres of land in Harrison Township, Hall County. He immediately began stocking his land, and has since been actively engaged in buying and feeding stock for the market. He is an active Republican in his political views, held the office of township supervisor during 1888-89, and has been a member of the school board of his district. He contracted to take charge of the county infirmary, his duties commencing in March, 1890, and he now receives a fixed salary. He has always been a public spirited citizen, and socially is a member of the A. O. U. W., Charity Lodge No. 91. Miss Emily Wharton became his wife in 1871, and by her he has three children: Sophronia, Nellie I. and Lillie L., who are now attending the school at Alda, which is in charge of an excellent teacher. Mrs. DeWitte is a daughter of Daniel and Patty (Strode) Wharton, who were born in Pennsylvania and belonged to the Society of Friends. At an early day they moved to Ohio, and Mr. Wharton purchased 640 acres of land at \$25 per acre, improved it and here died in 1881, the mother's death occurring six months later.

J. Elmer Dill is an active partner in the well known and reliable real-estate and loan firm of Dill & Huston, of Grand Island, Neb. If industry, hard work and ceaseless activity can accom-

plish any thing in this world, then Mr. Dill is bound to succeed, for in him are to be found all the characteristics mentioned, and indeed he is deserving of more than ordinary credit for his career thus far in life. He is a native of the "Blue Hen State," his birth occurring in Kent County, November 3, 1863, and he is the eldest of five children born to the marriage of Robert U. Dill and Anna E. Griffith, also natives of Delaware, the former of whom was born May 14, 1837. The mother died February 20, 1879. The paternal grandfather, James W. Dill, was born in Delaware and died in that State about 1866. J. Elmer Dill received the advantages of the common schools only in his boyhood, but, possessing a quick intellect and being fairly studious, he made rapid progress, and at an early age was perfectly capable of "hoeing his own row." The month of March, 1879, found him in Grand Island, Neb., and here for six years he was engaged as a clerk in the store of J. W. West, but in the spring of 1885 he determined to start in business on his own responsibility, and accordingly opened a confectionery and fruit store, and in 1887 admitted Mr. Huston as a partner. They did a thriving business for two years, but since July, 1889, they have been real-estate and loan agents, and with two such intelligent and enterprising young men at the helm, they are sure to become wealthy. March 15, 1888, witnessed his marriage to Miss Jessie Gardner, who was born in Meigs County, Ohio, in 1861, a daughter of Albert and Lucy Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. Dill have a daughter named Lucy A., who was born August 25, 1889. Mr. Dill is a Republican, but cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a charter member of Nysian Lodge No. 46, K. of P.

F. C. Dodge, stock-raiser, Wood River, Neb. A person who devotes almost a lifetime to any one calling is reasonably expected to achieve a thorough and accurate knowledge of the details connected with every branch of his business. The reputation which Mr. Dodge enjoys as a stock raiser and feeder is not a local one, as may be seen by perusing this sketch. He was born in Sul

livan County, N. H., in 1840, and there received a good education in the common schools. He first started out for himself by working in a mill, then drove teams and was engaged in different occupations until 1865, when he started for the far West. He came through in a wagon, and was obliged to stop and work on the way to get money to go on. He left his native State a week before Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, and reached Hall County, Neb., in 1866. He was then the possessor of \$35, which he kindly loaned to a man whom, it is needless to say, he has not seen since. He went to work on the grade of the Union Pacific Railroad, received \$40 per month for his services, but later bought a team and worked for a Mr. J. Jackson, who paid him \$1.50 per day. He still continued to work and economize until he was the possessor of ten teams, after which he contracted on the railroad. Here he made considerable money and invested in land, 3,700 acres in all, and began raising stock. He is now one of the largest feeders in the State, and feeds annually over 10,000 sheep, 1,000 head of hogs and 260 head of cattle. He milks sixty cows and makes a large amount of butter. He was married in Hall County to Miss Ellen A. Abbott, a native of Canada, and the fruit of this union has been one child, Gertrude, who is now fifteen years of age. Mr. Dodge shipped the first cattle, hogs and grain that were ever shipped out of Wood River, that is from old Wood River. He has one of the finest farms in the county. He is the son of William and Lucinda (Stockwell) Dodge, the father a native of New Boston, Mass., and a shoemaker by trade.

William Dudley, a well-known citizen of Hall County, Neb., is an influential resident of Grand Island, and is quite extensively engaged in the real-estate business. He was born near Plattsburg, Clinton County, N. Y., February 25, 1849, and possesses those attributes of energy, enterprise and intelligence which have ever characterized those born and reared in the "Empire State." He is a son of Francis and Sarah (Santwire) Dudley, the former of whom was born in Berkshire, England, and came to America with his parents, locating in Montreal, Canada, when he was a small child. The

paternal grandfather, Andrew Dudley, was a British officer and died shortly after his arrival at Montreal, his wife dying about the same time, so that Francis was left an orphan when between two and three years of age. He was adopted by a Frenchman by the name of Julius Burissis, and with him he remained until he was twenty-one years of age, being engaged in farm labor up to that time. On becoming his own man he concluded to locate in the United States, and his home during the balance of his life was in Clinton County, N. Y. For a great many years he was engaged in boating on Lake Champlain in the capacity of first mate and pilot, but during the latter part of his life he gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was quite successful in all his enterprises and before his death had acquired considerable means. He was married at about the age of twenty-eight years to Miss Sarah Santwire, who was born in Clinton County, N. Y., September, 1820, a daughter of Peter and Margaret (Lapland) Santwire, who were born, reared and married in Paris, France. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley became the parents of nine children, two sons and three daughters now living, William being the third of the family. The father passed from life March 17, 1880, and the mother June 5, 1883. William Dudley was reared on a farm in his native county, and at the age of twenty-one years he entered the employ of the Wood Machine Company, and acted as their traveling salesman for about twelve years throughout the United States and Canada. In 1882 he resigned his position and located on a farm seven miles northwest of Grand Island, Neb., and there founded a nursery which he conducted several years, but in March, 1887, he removed to Grand Island, and his whole attention since that time has been given to real-estate business, in which he is meeting with the best of success. A fact that should be stated is that he deals in no lands except his own, and is now the owner of some 35,000 acres, 6,000 being in one body in Washington County, Ga., 10,000 acres in one body in McDowell County, W. Va., and 5,600 acres in one body in Clay County, Ky., besides large tracts in Tennessee, and \$10,000 worth of residence property in

Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Dudley is a pleasant-spoken and agreeable gentleman, and in his business operations has always been found to be the soul of honor and has done well by those who have had dealings with him. He has always been a staunch Republican in politics, and socially is a member of the A. O. U. W. He was married November 14, 1878, to Miss Colista M. Taylor, who was born in Essex County, N. Y., August 7, 1850, and by her is the father of two children: Frank Nathan (born September 3, 1882), and Florence (born January 3, 1889). He and wife are highly respected by all and have many warm personal friends. Mrs. Dudley is a daughter of Nathan and Susan (Bull) Taylor, who were born in Rupert, Vt., December 25, 1811, and Essex County, N. Y., December 4, 1813, respectively. The father is still living in Essex County, N. Y., but his wife died August 2, 1876. Mrs. Dudley's grandfather, William Taylor, was born in Vermont and was there married to Rhoda Harmon, also a native of that State. The maternal grandparents were Benjamin and Sally Bull, also born in the "Green Mountain State."

Charles Dufford, another pioneer of Doniphan Township and one of the foremost citizens of the same, emigrated to Hall County, Neb., in the spring of 1871, and homesteaded 160 acres on Section 4. He was the first to erect a frame house on the table lands south of the Platte River. Mr. Dufford was born in Northampton County, Pa., in 1839, and was the son of Joseph and Sarah (Kelley) Dufford, natives also of the Keystone State. The father was a farmer, and in 1854 removed to Wisconsin, where he continued his former pursuit, and where his death occurred in 1864. The mother died in Michigan about 1875. Charles Dufford assisted his father on the farm, and received his education in the schools of Pennsylvania. At the age of fifteen years he went to Wisconsin, and in 1864 began farming for himself. Previous to this, in 1860, he crossed the plains overland to Southern Oregon, and drove an ox-team. In 1861 he enlisted in Jackson County, Ore., in Company A, First Oregon Cavalry, and went into service at Jacksonville of that State. He

then wintered there, and in 1862 went to Walla Walla, where he took part in the Indian warfare in the Northwest Territory. He remained on the plains until 1863, when he was honorably discharged at Fort Dallas, Ore. He then worked on a farm, and in 1863 returned by the overland stage to Wisconsin. He was married in Green County of the last named State, on December 3, 1863, to Miss Addie Shultz, a native of Wisconsin, and the daughter of John R. and Eliza (Armstrong) Shultz, natives of North Carolina and New York, respectively. Mr. Shultz settled in Wisconsin at an early day, and in 1872 emigrated to Nebraska, where he closed his eyes to the scenes of this world in the same year. The mother died in 1874. After his marriage Mr. Dufford farmed in Wisconsin until 1871, when he moved to Nebraska. He is now the owner of 160 acres of good arable land, and has followed agricultural pursuits ever since coming to this State, with the exception of two years, when he was in the furniture business in Doniphan. He is now engaged in farming, and a glance over his place indicates the kind of farmer that he is. He is active in politics, and his vote is cast with the Republican party. He is a member of A. J. Smith Post No. 65, G. A. R. He has no children of his own, but has an adopted child, Stella. Mr. Dufford has seen the complete growth of the country, and was one of the original settlers of the township. Grand Island's population numbered not over 600 souls at that date, and all was wild and unbroken. Although he has experienced three grasshopper raids, and was through the April storm of 1873, he still likes the State, and expects to make it his permanent home. During the years 1871 and 1872 his principal occupation was in hunting, as wild game was numerous, and he kept his family and relatives in meat. He still has the old shot-gun with which he scoured the country.

John and Mary Dunn, prosperous agriculturists of Hall County, Neb., are engaged in tilling the soil on the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 14, Township 10, Range 12 west, and are justly ranked among the respected residents of this section. Mrs. Dunn was formerly Mrs. Ma

riah McNutt, and was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1845, in the fall of 1859 emigrating to the United States with her parents, but in 1861 her father died and left three brothers and herself to fight the battle of life as best they could. Being possessed of an original and vigorous mind she came to the conclusion that Horace Greeley's advice would apply to young women as well as young men, and in 1872 came West, settling at Grand Island, and two years later took up the claim of 160 acres, upon which she is now living. Her marriage to Mr. Dunn was consummated soon after, and they have since held their own with the farmers in their vicinity, and are very comfortably and pleasantly situated. Their farm is well stocked, and is nicely improved. Mr. Dunn is a son of William and Rose (Brady) Dunn, who were born on the "Emerald Isle," and emigrated to the United States at an early day, locating in Waukesha County, Wis., where their son, John, was born May 30, 1847.

Alvin Eager was a successful merchant and stock-dealer of Prairie Creek Township, and since locating in Hall County, Neb., in 1874, has done his full share in advancing every interest in the county, and his endeavors toward promoting this end have been recognized by a host of acquaintances, among whom he stands high as a man and citizen. He was born in Oneida County, N. Y., April 19, 1842, and is a son of William and Caroline Eager, both natives of York State, who moved to Wisconsin in 1854, locating in Rock County on a farm, on which the father died in the month of February, 1871, his wife having died in York State in 1850. Alvin Eager attained manhood in Rock County, Wis., and was energetically at work when the war broke out. In the month of May, 1861, he enlisted in the Second Wisconsin Infantry, and after serving three years was discharged at Madison in June, 1864, having participated in the first and second battles of Bull Run, Gettysburg, Wilderness and Spottsylvania Court House. He was wounded at the Second Bull Run by a gun-shot in the face and was taken a prisoner at Gettysburg, and after being held in captivity for one month was paroled. He was also wounded in the hand

by a gun-shot at Spottsylvania. After the close of the war he returned to Rock County, Wis., and after following the occupation of farming there until 1868, he moved to Chickasaw County, Iowa, where he was engaged in farming six years. In 1874 he settled on a farm near Grand Island, Neb., but in the fall of 1888 he moved to the station, where he has since been engaged in merchandising, giving also a considerable portion of his attention to stock-dealing. He has held a number of positions of trust in the county, and socially is a member of the A. O. U. W. He was married in Iowa January 1, 1868, to Miss Julia Pheban, a native of York State, reared and educated in New York City, and their union has resulted in the birth of five children: Melvina (wife of Abe Leicer), Frank, George, John and Minnie.

Michael Ellington was born in Madison County, Ohio, September 19, 1826, being a son of David and Catherine (Hoffman) Ellington, the former's birth occurring in the "Blue Grass State," August 22, 1797; he died on his birthday in 1883. He grew to manhood in Ohio, but in 1829 moved to Illinois, and died in De Witt County of this State. He was a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife was born in Ohio, her birth occurring a few years later than his, and their union resulted in the birth of twelve children, seven of whom grew to maturity and are still living. The paternal grandfather was born in Kentucky in 1773, and was one of the early pioneers of Ohio. He spent rather a roving life wandering over Missouri and Arkansas, and passed from life in the State of Indiana. The maternal grandfather was a soldier in the War of 1812. Michael Ellington grew to manhood in De Witt County, Ill., and obtained a common-school education. In the month of April, 1850, he went West and traveled throughout California, Oregon, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska, and in 1866 entered the regular service of the United States army, and was a soldier on the frontier for five years, during which time he had many thrilling encounters with the Indians. Upon receiving his discharge in 1871 he went to St. Louis, Mo., thence to Illinois, where he pur-

chased land and tilled the soil for sixteen years, then sold out and came to Nebraska in 1888. He is now the owner of 210 acres of excellent land, which brings him in a yearly income more than sufficient to supply himself and wife with all necessary comforts during their declining years. He was married in 1882 to Mrs. Rebecca Arnold, but as they have no children of their own, they have adopted a grandson of Mrs. Ellington's, Charley Evans, the adoption taking place April 17, 1886, in De Witt County, Ill. The present Mrs. Ellington was married first, in Wisconsin, to Lemuel Evans, and to them a family of three children were born: Thomas, John and William. Mr. and Mrs. Ellington are living in happiness and contentment, and their only care is the rearing and educating of their adopted son. Mr. Ellington in his early travels visited Central America twice. He is a Democrat, but liberal in his views.

Robert Ewing. Among the many families that emigrated westward early in the decade of '70, and located in Hall County, Neb., none have been more successful than that of the Ewings. They are native New Yorkers, and hail from Allegany County. In the year 1866 they settled in Cedar County, Iowa, where they followed farming, to which occupation they had been reared, and made that State their home until 1871, when the father of our immediate subject, who also bore the name of Robert, died. In 1872, the family wishing to find a place where industry would receive its highest reward, wisely sought the prairies of Nebraska, and settled in Hall County, where they have stood in the vanguard among the agriculturists, the many broad acres which they own and the social position which they occupy, testifying to this fact. Four of the brothers now occupy one of the most valuable tracts of land in the county, and are honorable and useful citizens, their names being Robert, William, Charles and Edwin. Hon. James Ewing, one of this family, rose to distinction in Hall County, and was at one time one of the most popular men in this portion of the State, but the numerous duties, both public and private, imposed upon him became more than the physical man could endure, and death called him in the midst of

his public duties and in the zenith of his power, on October 31, 1888. He was born in Allegany County, N. Y., July 7, 1850, and assisted his father on the farm and attended the common schools near his home until he was sixteen years of age, then removed with his parents to Cedar County, Iowa, and until twenty-three years of age his time was spent in attending and teaching in the public schools. He then came to Hall County, Neb., to seek his fortune, and soon found employment as a teacher in the Moore district, but after a few terms he took charge of the school at Shelton. He was exceptionally successful as an educator, and took such an interest in educational matters that in the fall of 1877 he was elected superintendent of public instruction for Hall County, displaying much ability and energy in the discharge of his duties, and at the expiration of his term was re-elected. Upon leaving this office he purchased the Wood River Gazette, then a five-column folio struggling for existence, and in the management of this he was as successful as in his former occupation, and soon advanced the subscription list from 200 to 700, the result of his ability as an editorial writer, his good judgment and sagacity. The first three years of his career as an editor he also filled the position of deputy county treasurer, which necessitated him leaving Wood River early in the morning and returning late in the afternoon, and during this period the readers of his paper were treated to the midnight productions of his pen. At the close of his work as deputy treasurer he devoted his time entirely to his paper, but his rest from public cares was very short, and in 1886 he was elected to represent Hall County in the State Legislature, and received every vote in Wood River Township with the exception of ten. He also proved a valuable public servant in this capacity, and in recognition of his services he was re-nominated by acclamation in the Republican convention held at Grand Island, but did not live to discharge his duties. On January 10, 1884, he was married to Miss Alma E. Thompson, of Hall County, and the result of this union was a son, Arthur (who died December 31, 1888). Mr. Ewing held a number of local offices also, and in the capacity of justice of

the peace of Wood River filled the position in everything the name implies, and by his kindly advice and fairness made many warm friends. He was township treasurer six years, and at the time of his death was nominee for the two last offices. From the time the village of Wood River was organized he was a member of the town board, being all of the time chairman, and his advice was always found to be sound and to the best interests of the town. His life, an active and successful one, was devoted greatly to the welfare and happiness of others, and he was liberal and charitable in his views to all, and by all his death was deeply lamented. His funeral, which was conducted by the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W., to which he belonged, was the largest gathering of the kind ever held in Wood River, and all business houses were closed and heavily draped in mourning out of respect for him who had been a friend and brother to all. Such a man as he could not associate with the young men of the community without inspiring them with a wish to live an upright, honorable life, to live for others as well as themselves, and to leave such monuments to their memory as he has done wherever they may reside. John Ewing, another brother, was also born in Allegany County, N. Y., in 1857, and supplemented his common-school education with a course at Gibbon Academy, Buffalo County, Neb., his first term of school being taught in Hall County, at the age of nineteen years, this occupation receiving his attention for about seven years. He became well known throughout Hall County as a successful educator, but is now giving his attention to farming, his land lying about six miles northwest of Wood River, and comprising 360 acres. His wife, Miss Laura Dubbs, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1864, and by her he has a family of four children: Gertrude, William, John A. and James A. Mr. Ewing is a Republican, and is a member of the A. O. U. W. His wife is a daughter of W. W. Dubbs, who was born in Ohio, and came to Hall County, Neb., in the spring of 1872. Robert Ewing, our immediate subject, owes his nativity to Allegany County, N. Y., his birth occurring in 1853. For several years after coming to Nebraska the brothers had a very

hard time to get along, owing to lack of rain, but they were ever ready to put their shoulders to the wheel when honorable work could be found, and they are now reaping their reward, for they are accounted among the most successful of Hall County's agriculturists and stockmen. The four brothers mentioned above now own 640 acres of land, have 121 head of fat steers feeding, 100 head of hogs and sixty head of stock cattle. They are wide awake and enterprising young men, and owing to their native pluck and enterprise have made their present valuable property. They are quite talented musicians, one playing first violin, another second violin, the third the Bell clarinet and the fourth the bass viol. They are bachelors, and in their political views are staunch Republicans. Charles Ewing was elected as a member of the board of supervisors of Hall County in 1888, and re-elected in 1889. His re-election proves that he possesses in a considerable degree some of the elements of personal popularity. The township where Mr. Ewing has been re-elected has a Democratic majority of sixty-two votes on the State ticket, and Mr. Ewing overcame this with a large majority. The father and mother, Robert Ewing and wife, were born in Scotland in 1819 and 1824, and died in 1871 and 1883, respectively. All of their nine children grew to maturity.

Cay Henry Ewoldt is an old pioneer of Center Township, who located in Hall County, Neb., in 1857, although his birth occurred in Germany, August 14, 1831, he being a son of Paul and Cecilia Ewoldt. He became a subject of "Uncle Sam" in 1852, and from that time until 1857 he resided in Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota, spending two years in Davenport, of the first State, one year in the next and one in the last. He then returned to Davenport and joined a party of thirty-one emigrants, who came to Hall County, Neb., but it was not until 1862 that Mr. Ewoldt settled on his present farm. He has from time to time increased his original purchase, and is now the owner of 460 acres of magnificent land, well stocked and improved. He has always been closely identified with agricultural pursuits in this vicinity, and his well-established characteristics of energy, per-

severance and unbounded industry have brought him safe returns. He gives excellent management to his farm, and no man in the entire county stands higher for honor and integrity than Mr. Ewoldt. He was married September 1, 1862, to Miss Eliza C. Stuben, a native of Germany, born November 15, 1842, a daughter of Claus and Lena Stuben. She came to America in 1858, and after spending four years in La Fayette, Ind., came to Hall County, Neb. They have a family of eleven children: Bernard, Cecilia, Caroline, Henry, Wilhelmine, Julius, Amelia, Clara, Laura, Hermann and Lizzie, of whom Caroline, Laura and Lizzie are deceased. Mr. Ewoldt and his wife are members of the German Lutheran Church, and in his political views he is a Democrat.

D. A. Finch, D. D. S., a young man still in his twenties, is, however, conceded to be one of the leading dentists of Hall County, Neb. He was born in Oneida County, N. Y., November 19, 1863, and is the second of four children born to Daniel and Maria (Livesey) Finch, who were born in England and brought to the United States when children, and here reared to maturity. The former's death occurred in York State in 1878, at the age of forty-two years, but the mother, who was born in 1843, is still living, and resides at Camden, that State. Dr. Finch received a good practical education in the public schools of his native State, and finished his literary education in the Camden High School, from which he graduated in 1882. The following year he began the study of dentistry in the office of Doten & Martin, of Camden, N. Y., and with them remained until the spring of 1885, when he followed Horace Greeley's advice, and came west to grow up with the country, locating at Grand Island, and has done exceptionally well, for his ability and learning are well recognized in Hall County, and the people have given him a large patronage. He is in every respect a self-made man, and has done much to advance the business interests of Grand Island. He belongs to the K. of P., the Modern Woodmen of America, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His marriage occurred in August, 1888, at which time Miss Addie M. Hall,

born near Terre Haute, Ind., January 8, 1864, became his wife. She is a daughter of Harrison and Eliza (Carpenter) Hall, who now reside in Tacoma, Wash.

John W. Fines, farmer and stock raiser, Shelton, Neb. The name that heads this sketch is that of one of the well-known residents of Hall County, Neb. Like many other settlers in the county he came originally from Pike County, Ill., where his birth occurred on June 5, 1858. His father, William Fines, was a native of England, born about 1810, and in 1830 he emigrated to America, where he was one of the pioneer settlers of Pike County, Ill. About 1852 he married Mrs. Sarah Musgrave, the widow of Joseph Musgrave, who came from England with his family, and by her became the father of four children: Martha, James, Joseph and Sarah Ann. Joseph is deceased. Mr. Fines died immediately after landing. Mrs. Fines was the mother of five children by her former marriage: Charles, Esau (deceased), Jacob, John W., Abigail. The father of the last-named children came from England to America in 1830. John W. Fines started out for himself at the age of twenty years, and one year later was married to Miss Zerilda Myers, daughter of John and Annie Myers, of Hall County, Neb. This union resulted in the birth of four children: Lilly M., Amzie, Loretta and an infant unnamed, all living. Mr. Fines has secured a good start in life by his close application to all enterprises undertaken by good business investments. He has a good stock of cattle, horses and hogs, and a large tract of land, which is fenced. Water is found in abundance a few feet below the surface, and, take it all in all, Mr. Fines is highly pleased with Nebraska. He is a member of no political party or church, but has recently become a member of the Farmers' Alliance.

Thomas Francis possesses advanced ideas regarding agricultural life and since 1869 has been engaged in tilling his present farm, which comprises 160 acres of good land. He is a son of William and Mary (Halcy) Francis, and was born in County Galway, Ireland, in 1832, and was reared to manhood in his native land. Two brothers having become subjects of Uncle Sam, he determined

to seek a home in the United States also, and accordingly landed on American shores, and went to Wheeling, W. Va., but soon after joined his brothers, at Barnesville, Ohio, remaining with them two years. He then pushed westward and for nearly two years he was engaged in railroading between Chicago and Detroit, Mich., but the year 1854 found him in Louisville, Ky., and a short time after in New Orleans, where he remained until 1856, then went to Nashville, Tenn., thence to St. Louis, where he again followed railroading, this time being on the Iron Mountain Road. In 1858 he returned to Nashville, was there during the opening of the Rebellion, joined the army and served nearly four years, participating in the following engagements: Perryville, Blue Springs, Strawberry Plains, Cumberland Gap and numerous skirmishes. In 1867 he was united in marriage to Miss Bridget Ryan, a daughter of William and Sabina Ryan, and to them the following family was born: William (who was born March 31, 1869), Michael (born December 22, 1872), Mary (born May 15, 1874), and Sabina (born July 17, 1876). Mr. Francis came with his family to Hall County, Neb., in March, 1869, and located on 160 acres of land which is well watered by Wood River, which runs through it. He has a fine young orchard and his residence is located about a mile and a half from Shelton, Buffalo County, Neb. Mr. Francis and all his family are strict members of the Roman Catholic Church and he is a staunch Democrat and a member of the Farmers' Alliance.

Henry Theodore Julius Fuehrman is a well-known and highly skillful architect of Grand Island, Neb., and was born in Brunswick, Germany, March 27, 1858, being the only son of Henry and Julia Fuehrman, the latter of whom is now deceased. The father still resides in Germany. The immediate subject of this biography attended the schools of his native land until he was fourteen years of age, after which he served an apprenticeship at the mason's trade. Upon leaving school he decided to prepare himself for the duties of an architect, and throughout his entire youth he devoted himself closely to the study of architecture in different polytechnic institutions throughout his

native land. When twenty years of age he entered the German army, serving one year, and in 1882 he came to America, and after spending two years in Chicago and in different places in Dakota and in Omaha, Neb., he came to Grand Island, which place has since continued to be his home. Soon after coming to Hall County he did some brick laying, but as soon as an opportunity presented itself he resumed the calling of an architect, and has given his entire attention to that pursuit for the past five years, and is at present one of the leading men of his calling in the State. The following are some of the principal buildings on which he has worked: The City Hall, Michelson Block, Catholic Church, Baptist University, Soldiers' Home, and the Oxnard Beet-Sugar Factory in Grand Island and the Buffalo County Court-House at Kearney, Neb. He has built up an enviable reputation, for he is a very skillful workman and is noted for the thoroughness of his work. September 19, 1885, he was married to Miss Dora Joehnek, a daughter of Henry Joehnek, a sketch of whom appears in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Fuehrman have two children: Julia and Gustav. Mr. Fuehrman is a member of the A. O. U. W., and politically is a Republican. He is a skilled draughtsman and possesses much natural ability for his chosen calling.

Charles Fuller, farmer, Alda, Hall County, Neb., a life-time of hard, earnest endeavor in pursuing the occupation to which he now gives his attention, coupled with strict integrity, honesty of purpose and liberality in all directions, have had a result to place Mr. Fuller among the truly respected and honored agriculturists of the county. He was born in the State of New York May 31, 1829, and is the son of Pamenus and Hannah (Hubbard) Fuller, both natives also of the Empire State. They were married there and subsequently moved to Pennsylvania, locating in Erie County, where the father followed the stone mason and plastering trade. He moved to Ashtabula County, Ohio, then Medina County, where he passed the closing scenes of his life. He lived on a farm the principal part of his life. He was born October 13, 1801, and died March 1, 1861, and

the mother was born April 5, 1805. Their family consisted of the following children (four living): Marilla (born February 11, 1824), Reuben (born November 10, 1826), Charles (born May 31, 1829), Thomas (born August 3, 1831), Sidney (born December 28, 1833), James (born October 29, 1836), George (born October 13, 1839), Franklin (born February 26, 1842), Henry (born July 29, 1845) and Susan (born February 27, 1849). The mother of these children died in 1861, only about two weeks after the death of her husband. Charles Fuller was still in his teens when he moved with his parents to Ohio, and he got \$4 per month for three months during the summer when he winnowed hay with a hand rake. He attended the common schools of that State and worked on a farm until he was married. He then picked up the carpenter trade and went to Pennsylvania, thence to Iowa, where he settled in Fayette County, and followed his trade there for some time. He owned a farm and continued to cultivate the soil in the last-named county until 1879, when he emigrated to Nebraska, and purchased 160 acres of land in Hall County. He was married in 1854 in Erie County, Pa., to Miss Clarinda Wicks, who was born in the Keystone State in 1837, and to them have been born four living children: Melvin C. (born July 7, 1858), Mary C. (born May 31, 1868), Monroe (born April 12, 1870) and Edward F. (born March 6, 1878). The children deceased were: Elnora L. (who was born April 7, 1863, and died in Iowa February 20, 1867), and the others were infants. Mrs. Fuller was the daughter of J. S. and Harriet (Conant) Wicks, the father a native of Vermont, born in 1809. The latter was reared in the State of New York, was married there, and there resided until 1836, when he went to Pennsylvania and there died May 21, 1889. Grandfather Wicks was a native of England, while Grandfather Conant was a native of Scotland, and emigrated to America before the War of 1812. Mrs. Fuller is in possession of a pair of eye-glasses given her by her maternal grandfather, and which have been in the family for many years.

M. C. Fuller, farmer and stock raiser, Alda, Neb. Mr. Fuller owes his nativity to Gratiot

County, Mich, where his birth occurred July 7, 1858, and is now following a calling that has for ages received undivided efforts from many worthy individuals, and one that always furnishes sustenance to the ready worker. He is the eldest in a family of five children born to the union of Charles and Clarinda (Wicks) Fuller, natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. The parents were married in the Keystone State, and there the father followed agricultural pursuits, but in connection carried on the carpenter trade. He subsequently moved to Ohio, thence to Gratiot County, Mich., back again to Ohio, then to Fayette County, Iowa, and there remained until 1879, when he came to Hall County, Neb., and settled in Wood River Township. There they both reside at the present time. M. C. Fuller was early initiated into the duties of farm life, and received a liberal education in the schools of Fayette County, Iowa. He came to Nebraska in 1879, and was married at Prairie Du Chien, Wis., on April 11, of that year, to Miss Lydia H. Brooks, a native of Fayette County, Iowa, and the daughter of Chaney and Hannah Brooks, natives of New York and Ohio, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks settled in Iowa at an early day, and there the father still resides. The mother died in 1876. In 1882 Mr. Fuller purchased an unimproved farm of 160 acres, and went to work upon the same. He has since erected a good house, barn, outbuildings, and is also engaged in raising a good grade of stock. He is active in politics, and votes with the Republican party. He was appointed justice of the peace in 1887, was subsequently elected and re-elected in 1889. Socially he is a member of the Alda Lodge No. 165, A. O. U. W., and as a citizen and neighbor is thoroughly liked. To his marriage have been born two children: Hannah C. (born June 19, 1880) and Wesley M. (whose birth occurred September 29, 1885.)

Robert Gillespie, assessor, Wood River, Hall County, Neb. This prominent and much-esteemed citizen was originally from Virginia, where he was born in 1841, and is the son of James Gillespie, who was also a native of the Old Dominion, his birth occurring in 1812. The latter was a prominent tiller of the soil and died in Schuyler County,

Ill., in 1862. He married Miss Matilda Printie, a native of Virginia, born about 1814, and to them were born eleven interesting children, nine of whom grew to maturity. Robert Gillespie grew to manhood in Schuyler County, Ill., was favored with such educational advantages as the district schools afforded, and was early initiated into the duties of farm life. He was married in Illinois, on September 20, 1870, to Miss Angeline Melvin, a native of Indiana, born in 1844, and the result of this union was three living children: Horton (born July 31, 1871), Charles P. (born August 27, 1873), Ella (born December 21, 1875, died July 21, 1888), Milley (born December 15, 1877, died August 22, 1888, both of diphtheria) and George R. (born September 15, 1883.) Previous to his marriage Mr. Gillespie had enlisted in the Union army, Company F, One Hundred and Nineteenth Illinois Infantry, and served three years. He was in the Western army and was in the battles of Nashville and Mobile, and was in Banks' defeat on the Red River Expedition, and in the final campaign in Missouri. He farmed in Schuyler County, Ill., and owned town property in Huntsville, but he sold out and came west, locating in Jackson Township, Hall County, in 1873, on a soldier's homestead. He sold out in 1883, with the intention of going to the Pacific slope, but certain circumstances caused him to remain. He now owns 240 acres of land and has it well stocked. He was elected township assessor of Jackson Township for five years, and has had one appointment during the time and has had four elections in a Democratic township. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M. Blue Lodge, and the Farmers' Alliance. Mrs. Gillespie is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Calvin A. Goodrich. It was in the spring of 1876 that Mr. Goodrich first became a resident of Hall County, Neb., having come here from Clinton County, Mo., whither he had moved from his native State of New York, in 1870. He was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., May 5, 1846, but was taken to Oswego County, by his parents, in 1859, and was there reared to a farm life and educated in the common schools. He was the youngest of four sons and five daughters, all save one now liv-

ing and the heads of families, and July 7, 1861, at the early age of fifteen years, he joined the New York Cavalry, and after nine months' service was honorably discharged. On first coming to Hall County, Neb., he homesteaded 160 acres of land and now has this in a good state of cultivation, well improved, with a fine young bearing orchard and fair buildings. He has followed carpentering to some extent throughout life, and for some time has been engaged in putting in pumps. He was elected and served seven consecutive years as county supervisor, and was re-elected to his eighth term in the fall of 1889. He was married in Oswego County, N. Y., November 3, 1866, to Miss Lorinda McDaniel, a daughter of Madison McDaniel. She was born, reared and educated in Oswego County, and her union with Mr. Goodrich has resulted in the birth of five children: Charles J. (a successful school-teacher of Hall County), Fred W., Clara M., Harry E. and one other. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he belongs to the G. A. R. organization, and is a member of the Farmers' Alliance. His parents, William and Cyrena (Stillwell) Goodrich, were born in York State, and in addition to farming the father was engaged in contracting and building in Jefferson and Oswego Counties, until his death which occurred in 1859, his wife dying in the fall of 1886. He was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Charles Guenther is a skillful contractor and builder, residing at Grand Island, Neb., and possesses many of the sterling qualities which are characteristic of his nation. He was born at New Brandenburg, in the Dutchy of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, December 5, 1853, and is a son of Carl Johan Andreas and Fredericka (Liermann) Guenther, and spent their lives in their native land, the father being a farmer. Charles Guenther was the third of four children, three sons and one daughter, and until he attained his fifteenth year was a resident of Germany. He then concluded to seek a home in the New World, and bidding adieu to home and friends he came to the United States, and first located at Syracuse, N. Y., where he learned the trade of carpentering and building. At the end of

two years he came to Grand Island, Neb., and subsequently spent seven years as a journeyman throughout the South, West and East, picking up a great deal of useful information. In 1878 he returned to Grand Island and has since been prominently identified with the building interests of this place, some of the structures which he has erected being the finest in the city. He was married in 1881 to Miss Margaretha Siek, who blessed their union with a son and daughter: Herman and Lily, but left them motherless in 1885, being buried in the Grand Island Cemetery. In 1886 Mr. Guenther wedded Miss Margaretha Eggers, of Holstein, Germany, and their union has resulted in the birth of a son, Carl. Mr. Guenther is a member of the A. O. U. W., the Liederkrantz, and for some time has been treasurer of the fire department.

J. M. Guy, farmer and stockman, Wood River, Neb. Mr. Guy occupies an advanced position among the representative farmers and stock men of Harrison Township. He is an Eastern man by birth and bringing up, but has been a resident of this Western country for many years. Born in Madison County, Ohio, in 1837, he is the son of Willis and Jane (Hankins) Guy. The father was born in the Old Dominion in 1800, and settled in Madison County, Ohio, at an early date. He was a farmer and followed this occupation the principal part of his life. The mother was also a native of Virginia, born in 1803. To their marriage were born eight children, four of whom grew to maturity. The maternal grandfather was Asa Hankins, and the maternal grandmother was Nancy Lee, from the same part of Virginia as Gen. R. E. Lee, and related to him. J. M. Guy has two brothers living: Samuel, residing in Wood River, Neb., and Asa H., who is in Danville, Ill., and he has one half brother living, Joseph Guy, who is farming in Cameron Township, Hall County, Neb. Another brother, John, was killed in California in 1853. J. M. Guy remained in his native State until sixteen years of age, after which he went to Illinois and located in De Witt County, Ill. He worked by the month on a farm and entered the Union army August 9, 1862, Company D, One

Hundred and Seventh Illinois Infantry, and served three years. He was hurt at Mumfordsville, Ky., and did no more active service. He returned to De Witt County after the war, engaged in tilling the soil, and in 1871 was married to Miss Mary S. Frazier, a native of Maryland, born in 1850. To this union were born six children: Sarah J., Susan M., Anna L., Martha E., Nellie F. and John Willis. Mr. Guy continued to farm in Illinois until 1873, when he came west and settled on his present farm, taking a soldier's homestead, and now has 480 acres of as good land as is to be found in the county. He raises and feeds stock, and is a prominent agriculturist of the township. He has received a pension of \$4 per month since 1875, and this has since been increased to \$10 per month. He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance, chaplain of Plainview, and in politics is a Republican. Mrs. Guy is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Perry Hack, farmer and stock-raiser, Alda, Neb. Hall County is acknowledged by all to be one of the best agricultural portions of the State, and as such its citizens are men of advanced ideas and considerable prominence. A worthy man among this class is found in the person of Mr. Hack, who settled on a farm in Nebraska in 1867, and homesteaded 160 acres in Section 30, Alda Township. He was born in Fountain County, Ind., in 1841, and is the son of George and Rhoda (Herald) Hack, natives of Kentucky. The father left his native State at an early day, settled in Indiana, Chicago being their nearest market, and there tilled the soil until his death, which occurred in 1862. The mother survived him a number of years. Perry Hack was reared to the arduous duties of the farm, received his education in the schools of Indiana, and in 1861 went to Shelby County, Iowa, where he engaged in farm labor. The following year he enlisted at Council Bluffs, Iowa, for three years in Company A, Twenty-ninth Iowa Infantry, and was mustered into service at that place. He was in the trans-Mississippi department, and participated in the battle of Helena, Little Rock, Saline Cross Roads and Jenkins' Ferry. He was wounded at Jenkins' Ferry and left on the battle-

field. Mr. Hack remained at the Ferry for some time, and was then taken to Camden, Ark., Shreveport, La., and thence to Taylor, Tex. He was paroled and honorably discharged June 7, 1865, at Davenport, Iowa. He came direct to Omaha, Neb., and there engaged as a teamster for William Palmer, or in team transportation, freighting from Omaha to Julesburg for one year. In 1867 he took his claim, engaged in agricultural pursuits, and, although at this early period wild animals were numerous and Indians scoured the plains in numbers, Mr. Hack was unmolested. He was one of the very first settlers in the township and assisted in the organization of the county, of whose rapid development he has been a witness. He is not active in politics, but votes with the Democratic party, and is a man whose energy and perseverance would carry him through any and all difficulties.

Josiah Hall is one of the oldest, best-known and most highly respected residents of Hall County, Neb., and is a man whose life has been an active one, not without the substantial rewards of success. He was born in Steuben County, N. Y., May 4, 1836, and is a son of John and Betsey (Rarick) Hall, who were also born in the "Empire State," moving from there to Pennsylvania, thence to Michigan (about 1855), locating in Tuscola County, of the latter State. Mr. Hall resided on a farm in that county until his death, in 1863. His wife died in Pennsylvania about 1843. Josiah Hall is the elder of two children, the other member of the family being a sister, now the wife of John Morgan, residing in Tuscola County, Mich. Mr. Hall was reared principally in Pennsylvania, and upon attaining manhood moved to Michigan, and from there enlisted in June, 1861, in Company A, Eighth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, for three years, and served until he was discharged for disability, in September, 1862. He was promoted to the rank of corporal and participated in a number of important engagements and some sharp skirmishes. After receiving his discharge he returned to Michigan and was there engaged in farming until his removal to Nebraska, in April, 1879. He is now the owner of 160 acres of fertile land, on

which is a good grove and fair buildings. He has always been a Republican in politics and in the fall of 1889 was elected township supervisor, serving as one of the county supervisors. He has been married twice: First, in Tuscola County, to Miss Elizabeth Case, who died some three years later, his second marriage taking place in Washtenaw County, Mich., August 12, 1869, to Amanda Morgan, a daughter of Charles and Lydia Morgan. Mrs. Hall was born in Ypsilanti, and was reared and educated there. She and her husband are the parents of two children: Chester J. (who died January 6, 1889, at the age of fourteen years) and Stephen J. (a lad of twelve years). Mr. Hall is a member of the G. A. R., the Masonic fraternity, and is one of the county's honored and respected citizens.

A. B. Hankey, manager of the White River Land & Cattle Company, Meeker, Colo. This company purchased 386 acres of land from Mr. W. Powell, of Alda Township, Hall County, well watered by the north channel of the Platte River, on which they located a cattle-feeding ranch in September, 1887. The company has a ranch in Rio Blanco, Colo., consisting of 800 acres under fence. They feed from 600 to 1,000 cattle yearly on the ranch in Hall County, and buy from 60,000 to 70,000 bushels of corn, and from 300 to 400 tons of hay yearly, thus making a good market for the farmers. Mr. Hankey was born in Herefordshire, England, in 1856, was the youngest in a family of three children born to the marriage of J. B. and Isabella (Peel) Hankey, natives of England. The father died many years ago. The mother is still living in England. A. B. Hankey was educated in England and in 1883 came to British America, prospected for some time, and finally engaged in the stock business, which he has since continued. He sold cattle for export from England to America, and is one of the live business men of the county. The company for which he works is composed of England shareholders, of whom two are in Colorado.

John W. Harrison, Harrison Township, post-office Alda, Neb. It is well known over the county that he whose name heads this sketch is among the most influential and public-spirited citizens of Har-

rierson Township. He was born in Ohio April 4, 1839, and is the son of John and Grace (Lonsdale) Harrison, the former being a native of Yorkshire, England, and the latter a native of the low lands of Scotland. The father was born at Thursk near Leeds, April 4, 1806, grew to manhood there, and was there married to Miss Lonsdale. One month after his marriage he emigrated to America, drifted to Cincinnati, and thence to New Burlington, Ohio, where the subject of this sketch was born, engaging in the merchandising business, laying the foundation for a fortune, but lost it all in the pork business in the crash of 1840 to 1843. He is still alive and resides in Richmond, Ind. Of the seven children born to his marriage four are still living, one in Illinois, two in Ohio, and our subject. The mother died in 1843. She was a member of the Methodist Church. The father of late years has been an active minister of the Methodist Episcopal conference of Indiana, until superannuated a few years ago. He was an active politician during the stirring time preceding the late war—anti-slavery from a deep conviction of justice and right, and Republican when that party was formed, and is still a prominent man of his county. He had two sons in the United States army, John W. and his brother. The latter enlisted in the Forty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was forage master of his regiment, was taken prisoner at Nashville, Tenn., was in Andersonville prison eleven months. He says he owes it to the Masons that he got through. He is now a physical wreck from exposure in the prison. John W. Harrison was a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio National Guards. In 1864 he was in the one hundred days' service, and participated in the battle of New Creek, W. Va. He was a Douglas Democrat in the exciting campaign that ushered in the late war, believed in squatter sovereignty, but during and since the war has been a Republican. He attended Linden Hill Academy, New Carlisle, Ohio, in 1859 and 1860, commenced the study of the law, but owing to close application became a physical wreck. He began teaching in the public schools of Greene County, Ohio, and continued in that profession until he was thirty-nine or forty years of age, ex-

cepting a few terms. He was a very successful teacher, having taught five years in one school in Harrison Township, Hall County. He was elected justice of the peace in Bath Township, Greene County, Ohio, for two consecutive terms, and at the election for the last term that he served out of the 303 votes cast he received 300, with the township strongly Democratic. He located here in 1872, and with his uncle (Peter Harrison) and his uncle's three sons, William, Richard and Charles Harrison, took land, 160 acres each, but becoming dissatisfied returned to Ohio in the spring of 1873, but returned to this State in the spring of 1883. The Harrisons at once took an active part in the settlement and formation of township and county, the township being named in honor of them. Peter served as county commissioner and represented the county in the Legislature one term, and his son, T. O. C. Harrison, filled the position of county judge, member of Legislature, and is now district judge of this district. William and Richard are known all over the county for their sterling worth. William served two terms as commissioner or supervisor. Charles having returned to Ohio, is living there now. John since his return has filled the office of county supervisor (or county commissioner) for two terms, and is now filling his third. He is now farming and raising stock. He was married in 1862, to Miss M. E. Louck, a native of Fairfield, Greene County, Ohio, born in 1843, and to them have been born two children: Eugene and Josephine (now the wife of C. A. Wheeler). Eugene married C. A.'s sister, Miss Rena Wheeler, members of a highly respected family originally from Ohio. Mrs. Harrison's parents, John Louck and Elizabeth (Burk), were born in Pennsylvania in 1811 and 1805, respectively; both are living. The grandfather of Mr. Harrison was born near Leeds, England, and had seven sons and one daughter; of the boys there were four ministers and one lawyer, the Hon. R. A. Harrison, of Columbus, Ohio, who refused the supreme judgeship, when tendered him by the (then) Gov. Ben Foraker of Ohio. The great-grandfather was born in England, was a sea captain, owned and navigated his own ship, was lost at sea. The Harrison family trace their line-

age back to the same ancestors as President Harrison, Gen. Harrison, Cromwell's right hand bower, Cromwell the English liberator.

Hon. T. O. C. Harrison, judge of the Ninth judicial district, is a man whose public services have been characterized by a noticeable devotion to the welfare of Hall County and the commonwealth, and he is also noted for his ability and fidelity in all positions of public trust, which have made a lasting impression upon those with whom he has come in contact. He was born in Clinton County, Ohio, May 22, 1849, being one of eight children born to the marriage of Hon. Peter Harrison and Sylvania Lovekin, who were born, respectively, in England and Frederick City, Md. The father emigrated to the United States at the early age of eighteen years, and in 1872 settled in Hall County, Neb., where he became exceptionally well and favorably known. His many sterling qualities were soon recognized by the people, and he was at one time elected to represent Hall County in the State Legislature, and for several years was a member of the board of county commissioners, and was president of the Hall County Agricultural Society, in each and all of which positions he discharged his duties in a very efficient manner. His death occurred in Hall County, but his wife passed from life in Ohio. Judge T. O. C. Harrison first attended the public schools of Chester County, Ohio, and was subsequently a student in the Lebanon (Ohio) National Normal School. In 1870 he began the study of law in the office of his uncle, R. A. Harrison, at London, Madison County, Ohio, and continued his study of Blackstone until March, 1873, when he came to Grand Island, Neb., and in the following June was admitted to the Hall County bar. The winter of 1875-76 he spent in California and Oregon, and upon his return to Grand Island was elected to the position of deputy county treasurer for one year, and in 1877 was appointed judge of Hall County, which position he held by re-election for two succeeding terms, being judge of Grand Island for the same length of time. For a number of years subsequent to his retirement from office he was engaged in the active practice of his profes-

sion, and displayed much ability and sagacity in the management of his cases, so much in fact that his worth and excellence soon became well known, and in 1882 he was elected on the Republican ticket, to represent Hall and Hamilton Counties in the Nebraska Senate. In 1887 he was appointed district judge, and was elected at the succeeding election, the district being composed of the counties of Hall, Howard, Greeley, Valley, Garfield, Loup, Blaine, Thomas, Boone and Wheeler. His associate is Judge F. B. Tiffany, of Albion. Judge Harrison was united in marriage in 1879 to Miss M. Camille Laine, who was born in Madison County, N. Y. He belongs to Lodge No. 33, of the A. F. & A. M.; Mount Lebanon Commandery No. 11, K. T., and also the K. of P. and the A. O. U. W. Judge Harrison is thoroughly posted on the technicalities of law, is popular in his district, and is in every respect a representative citizen, and one who would give prestige to any community in which he resided.

James N. Harrison, M. D., is one of the foremost of the professional men of the county, and is acknowledged by all to be a physician of more than ordinary merit. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1859, and since quite a young boy has made his own way in the world, and through his own unaided efforts has acquired a good literary and professional education, receiving his knowledge of books in general in the Pittsburgh Academy, and his medical education in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pa. For one year after graduating he practiced his profession in a hospital in that city, and then determined to take the advice which Horace Greeley gave to young men and "go west and grow up with the country." He at once entered upon a career of distinction and success at Wood River, Neb., and the large and paying practice which he now commands is fully deserved, for he is thoroughly versed in medical lore, puts his knowledge in practice and is cheerful and encouraging in the sick room, inspiring his patients and those about him with confidence in his skill and judgment. In truth, he possesses all the requisites which go to make an eminent physician.

William Harrod, farmer and stock-raiser, Don-

iphan, Neb. Born in the city of London, England, in 1842, Mr. Harrod was one of a family of twenty-two children, the result of the union of James Harrod and Sarah (Barnes) Harrod, natives also of London, England, born in 1801 and 1819, respectively. The parents emigrated to America in 1857, settled in Rockford, Ill., and there followed agricultural pursuits and the dairy business. He is still living and makes his home with our subject. The mother died in Illinois in 1869. William Harrod was reared to farm life, secured a fair education in the schools of London, and was fifteen years of age when he emigrated to America. He first worked on his father's farm, and in 1862 enlisted in Company D, Seventy-fourth Illinois Infantry at Rockford, for three years, or during the war. He was mustered into service at the above-mentioned place and was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. He participated in the battle of Perryville, Ky., Stone River, and was taken with lung trouble, on account of which he was honorably discharged, at Murfreesboro, in 1863. He then engaged in farming and was married in Rockford, Ill., in 1867, to Miss Eldora Hilton, a native of Rhode Island, and the daughter of Robert Hilton and Harriet (Barningham) Hilton, natives of England. Mr. and Mrs. Hilton came to America in 1839, settled in Rhode Island, moved from there to Illinois at an early day, and there the mother died in 1866. The father still resides in Illinois. Shortly after his marriage Mr. Harrod moved to Missouri, thence to Jasper County, Iowa, and in 1874 to Hall County, Neb., where he now has 200 acres in a good state of cultivation. He first lived in a large dug-out for a number of years and then erected a good house and barn. He has a fine orchard, and everything comfortable about his place. He is a Republican, and socially is a member of the A. J. Smith Post No. 65, Doniphan. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Harrod is superintendent of the Sunday-school, in which he takes a very great interest. He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance and a worthy man in every particular. To his marriage have been born eleven children, nine now living: Hattie, Susan (now Mrs. Coon, of Don-

iphan Township), Dora, William, James, Charley, Joseph, Edwin and Bertha. Mr. Harrod came to Nebraska, in 1874, during the grasshopper raid, had limited means, and consequently experienced many hardships. He, however, was not the man to be so easily discouraged, and is to-day one of the substantial men of the county.

Roger Hayes is a son of Dennis and Margaret (Sullivan) Hayes, who was born in County Clare, Ireland, in 1843, and when four years of age was taken to Canada by his parents, in which country the father died soon after their arrival. The mother afterward married Michael McNamara, and in 1864 they moved to the United States, and until 1870 were residents of Pennsylvania, then removed to Hall County, Neb., and located on a farm which now joins Wood River, and there they are still residing. Roger Hayes began doing for himself at an early age, working as a ship carpenter in Ontario, Canada, but in 1866 came to Wood River, Neb., and in the fall of 1868 took up a claim of which he is still the owner. His property is valuable, for it is well watered by Wood River, which runs through it, every acre is tillable and it is enclosed by a good fence and is well stocked and improved with first rate buildings. In the month of May, 1869, Miss Ellen Neville became his wife, her birth occurring in Ireland in 1842. Owing to the early death of her parents, Michael and Mary (Cavanah) Neville, she was obliged to earn her own living when she was but a child, and at the age of thirteen years came to the United States to join her brothers and sisters, who had preceded her to this land, she being one of a family of seven: John, Mary, Patrick, Michael, Ellen, Margaret and Thomas. All are residents of the United States with the exception of John, who lives on the old homestead in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes have become the parents of the following children: Mary B. (born February 29, 1870), Margaret (born November 14, 1871), Dennis (born March 3, 1873), Alice E. (born January 9, 1875), Stella A. (born December 14, 1876), Francis R. (born October 27, 1878) Delia E. (born May 24, 1883), and Katie (born June 17, 1886), all of whom are living and in good health. Mr. Hayes has given his children good

common-school educations and his daughter Mary has taught two terms of school. The family are Roman Catholics and in his political views Mr. Hayes is a staunch Democrat.

John J. Heden, farmer and stock-raiser, Shelton, Neb. The estate upon which Mr. Heden now resides, and to which he is giving such close attention in its cultivation, embraces 160 acres, a well improved farm, substantial and convenient buildings being a leading feature of these improvements. He is numbered among the thrifty foreign-born residents of the county, having been born in Mecklenburg, Germany, in 1834. His parents, Peter and Maria Heden, were natives of the same place as their son, and the father served as a soldier. John J. Heden emigrated to the United States alone, landed in New York, and later went to Michigan, where he remained some time. From there he went to Illinois, where he was engaged in various pursuits, and subsequently moved to Pike County, Mo. He then returned to Illinois and was married to Miss Black, a native of Pike County, Ill., and the daughter of W. G. and Mary Black, natives of Pennsylvania and New York, respectively, and early settlers of Illinois. After his marriage Mr. Heden settled in Champaign County of that State, but two years later they returned to Pike County, and there remained until 1873, when he located in Hall County, Neb., taking a soldier's homestead. In 1861 he enlisted in the Fifth Illinois Cavalry, Company G, and served in the Union army for over four years. He was in the following battles: Cotton Plant and Helena, Vicksburg, Memphis, and later went to Texas under Gen. Custer. This was about the close of the campaign, and he was mustered out in the Lone Star State. Mr. Heden does a general farming and stock-raising business, and is prominently connected with the agricultural affairs of the community. To his marriage were born six children: William J., Nellie F., Ethel D., Reuben P., Edward S. and Mary M. Mr. Heden is a member of and an officer in the Farmers' Alliance.

Jerome O. Heffelfinger, proprietor of the Grand Island Soap Works, was born near Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, October 17, 1859, and is a son of

Michael M. and Elizabeth E. (Shamp) Heffelfinger, the former of whom was also born there. They are both still living and their present home is in Hastings, Neb. Jerome O. Heffelfinger was but three years old when he was taken by his parents to Henry County, Ill., and there he was reared to manhood on a farm, a portion of his early life being spent as a shepherd boy. At the age of seventeen years he began working in a live-stock yard in Geneseo, Ill., at \$25 per month, and by honest and faithful service soon worked himself up to \$50 per month, and these wages he received for four years. He then became an employe of Hiram H. Davis, for whom he worked in a soap factory near Geneseo for three years, and in 1885 he engaged in the manufacture of soap on his own responsibility at West Liberty, Iowa, but a year later he came to Grand Island, Neb., and founded the Grand Island Soap Works, of which he has been proprietor ever since. He has conducted his establishment very successfully, and he is now in a prosperous condition financially. He has proven himself to be a valuable citizen, and in all his business transactions he is the soul of honesty and at all times endeavors to do as he would be done by. In the month of September, 1882, he was married to Miss Malinda Ann Davis, a daughter of Hiram H. Davis, a former employer of Mr. Heffelfinger's. Mrs. Heffelfinger was born in Cambridge, Henry County, Ill., and he is a member of the A. O. U. W., and in his political views is a Republican.

Herman Hehnke is a member of the firm of Hehnke & Lohmann, contractors and builders of Grand Island, Neb., and was born in the village of Marne Ditmarschen, Holstein, Germany, July 25, 1840, being a son of Johan and Katrina (Eckhoff) Hehnke. He learned the carpenter's trade in his native town, and in the town of Hamburg completed his knowledge of the business. Being impressed with the idea that the New World offered better opportunities for a young man to make his way in the world, he, in 1881, came to the United States, settled at Grand Island almost immediately, and after working at his trade alone until 1885 he was joined by Mr. Lohmann, and they engaged in contracting and building, and

have succeeded admirably in this undertaking, as they fully deserve to do. He has become well fixed financially, and is the owner of some excellent property in the town. He is honest and industrious, like all his countrymen, and although he has only resided in the county a short time, he is already considered one of her substantial citizens. He was married in Hamburg, Germany, to Miss Mary Shroeder, a daughter of Henry Shroeder, Esq., and by her has had a family of nine sons and one daughter, the following of whom are living: Herman, Otto, Hugo, Gustav, Carl, John and William, two sons and a daughter dying in infancy. The family worship in the Lutheran Church.

Hermann C. Held is a prosperous jeweler of Grand Island, Neb., and by his superior management and rare business ability and efficiency has done not a little to advance the reputation the town now has as a commercial center. He was born in Haren on the Ems, in Hanover, Germany, January 20, 1842, and is a son of Hermann and Angela (Cantzen) Held, both of whom died in Germany, the former August 15, 1872, and the latter January 23, 1890. Hermann C. Held is the third of seven children born to them, six of whom are now living, and until fifteen years of age he was an attendant of the schools of his native land. He next served a four years' apprenticeship at the jeweler's trade, then worked two years as a journeyman, after which he entered the service of the German army and served for about twenty months in the war between that country and Denmark, and in 1866 was in the war between Prussia and Austria. On June 27, 1866, he participated in the battle of Langensalza, and for meritorious service was presented with two medals, which he still has in his possession. In 1867 he served six weeks in the Prussian army, and when not in military service he worked at his trade, and for a year and a half before coming to America he conducted a jewelry establishment for himself. In 1868 he came to America, embarking at Bremen October 10, and landing at New Orleans in the early part of November. He remained in this city for about one month, and in December went to Council

Bluffs, Iowa, and in April, 1869, found himself in Omaha, Neb. Here he remained until the summer of 1872, working at his trade, but in September of that year he came to Grand Island and at once engaged in the jewelry business for himself, and has built up a splendid trade. He not only has the oldest jewelry establishment in the city, but it may be truthfully said of him that, with the exception of the lawyers and bankers, he has been in the mercantile business here longer than any present resident of the city. He is a first class jeweler, a reliable and upright man of business, and possesses the full confidence of the public. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., being one of the stockholders of the new building erected by that order, and he is also a member of the Liederkrantz society. From 1883 to 1886 he was a member of the city school board. In 1876 he was married to Miss Minnie Wiese, a native of Holstein, Germany, born January 2, 1854, being a daughter of Peter Weise, who with his wife still resides in Germany. Mrs. Held came to America in 1873, and her union with Mr. Held has resulted in the birth of the following family: Adolph H. (born June 5, 1877), Minnie (born May 31, 1879) and Lizzie A. (born April 23, 1883.)

Noel Henderson is a son of John B. and Malinda J. (Williams) Henderson, and was born in Todd County, Ky., on November 5, 1836. His father was born in North Carolina about 1805, and at an early day emigrated to Kentucky, where he was married, his wife being a native of that State, and there he reared a family of six children, although nine were born to him: John, James, Orin, Noel, Nancy J. and Larkin W. Mrs. Henderson died about 1842, and Mr. Henderson afterward married Miss Rebecca Walker, their union taking place in 1844. The following family was born to them: Kate A., Mary E., Benjamin, Fountain and Susan. The father of these children died March 10, 1861. Noel Henderson began making his own living at the age of eighteen years, and in 1854 left Kentucky and removed to De Witt County, Ill., where he made his home until the breaking out of the Rebellion, and on August 24, 1861, he enlisted in the Union army, in Company K, Forty-first Reg-

iment, and served until September 13, 1864, when he was honorably discharged, at Springfield, Ill. In May, 1871, he came to Hall County, Neb., and located on the farm on which he is now living, which is one of the best in Hall County, well improved and fenced. He is one of the few farmers of the county who has demonstrated the fact that Hall County will produce as good timothy hay and clover as can be grown anywhere, for in 1888 he obtained two and one-half tons to the acre from a meadow of forty acres. He has good buildings on his property and a great number of forest trees on and around his farm. He has given particular attention to stock-raising, and as a consequence has the very best grades of horses, cattle and hogs, in fact, whatever he undertakes to do is done well, and he is acknowledged by all to be one of the leading agriculturists of the county. Miss Matilda J. Schodley became his wife December 9, 1877, she being at that time a resident of Hall County, but a native of De Witt County, Ill., born January 5, 1846, a daughter of Samuel and Eliza (Kimler) Schodley, of Virginia, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have had three children born to them, but John N. is the only one now living, aged five years. Alfred D. and Mary M. are deceased. Mr. Henderson is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and the Farmers' Alliance. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Edward C. Hockenberger. Prominent among the many younger men of Hall County, Neb., who have taken front rank in public enterprises, stands the name of Mr. Hockenberger. He was born in Elmira, N. Y., July 28, 1862, and comes of German stock, inheriting many of the sterling principles of that race. His father, William Hockenberger, was born in Baden, and was a blacksmith and machinist by occupation, but after a few years' settlement in America he engaged in the brewing business, which he conducted on a rather extensive scale at Corning and Elmira, N. Y., and still later at Blossburg, Pa. He subsequently came to Nebraska, opened up a farm in Boone County, and here passed from life in 1887. He was an exemplary citizen, and gave to his children good educa-

tional advantages, coupled with thorough, practical lessons of industry, which have worthily marked their after lives. His wife was a Miss Charlotte Rohrig, who died in 1864. Edward C. Hockenberger has been a resident of Nebraska since 1878, and first resided at Columbus, where he was shortly after tendered a clerical position in the Union Pacific land office, and after about one year became clerk in the post-office of that place. Since 1880 he has resided in Grand Island, and for five years was assistant postmaster here, leaving this position to become cashier in the Wood River bank at Wood River, where he was engaged two years. At the end of this time he resigned his position to enter upon the duties of treasurer of Hall County, to which he was elected in the fall of 1887. As custodian of the county funds his management was so satisfactory that he was re-elected in 1889, a fitting compliment to his ability and sterling integrity. In all matters pertaining to the advancement of the interests of Grand Island and locality, he has given a cordial co operation, and for some time he served as chief engineer of the fire department of the town, and is a member of the school board. He is a stockholder in the Grand Island Improvement Company, and was one of the organizers of the building of the A. O. U. W. temple, of which society he is a member, and is a worthy Sir Knight in Lebanon Commandery of the A. F. & A. M. He also belongs to the M. W. of A. He has always been a pronounced Republican in his political views, and he and wife worship in the Presbyterian Church. He was married in 1887 at Wood River to Miss Alice Murphy, a very intelligent lady, and by her has a daughter named Franc Charlotte. Mrs. Hockenberger is a daughter of Joseph H. and Emma (Wright) Murphy, natives of Ohio.

Peter Holling is another example of what energy, industry and perseverance, when intelligently applied, have accomplished for those of foreign birth who have seen fit to locate within the limits of Hall County. Ever since locating here he has been connected with the farming and stock-raising interests of the community, and he is also a director of the First National Bank of Wood

River. He was born in the kingdom of Denmark August 10, 1844, being a son of Frederick and Katharine (Kock) Holling, both of whom were born in Denmark, but died in Germany, the former at the age of seventy-one and the latter when forty-eight years old. Five of their ten children grew to maturity. Peter Holling, after reaching an age wherein he could think and judge for himself, determined to emigrate to America, and, upon reaching New York, his worldly possessions consisted of about \$15. He managed to work his way westward, and in time reached Clinton County, Iowa, where a sister was living, and here he was employed as a farm hand for about two years, after which he came to Nebraska, and in 1870 took a pre-emption claim close to Grand Island. Like all his countrymen he was thrifty and economical, and had soon saved enough with which to purchase a yoke of oxen, and immediately began farming, but in 1873 sold his land for \$1,000 and purchased his present farm, consisting of 160 acres, but has since increased it to 700 acres. He has a forest of about 9,000 trees, besides some fruit trees, and has increased his stock from two cows to a herd of 125, and has some fine horses and swine. He is very thrifty and painstaking and is consequently very successful; in fact, no man in the county is better posted on agricultural matters than he. He is independent in his political views and is a member of the A. O. U. W. He was married in 1875 to Miss Annie Sievers, born in Germany in 1850, and by her has six children: John (who died at the age of five years), Emil, Gustave, Rose, Hattie and Johannes.

Hon. Edward Hooper, the present efficient Representative of Hall County, Neb., in the State Legislature, is a native of Wales, his birth occurring at Newport, Monmouthshire, South Wales, April 10, 1836, he being a son of Henry and Eleanor Sophia (Griffiths) Hooper, who were of English and Welsh extraction, respectively. The father was a founder by occupation and after learning his trade in England he worked at it in Wales, and was married here. Edward Hooper learned his father's trade, grew to manhood in his native land, and was married in Monmouthshire in 1855 to Miss Sarah, the

daughter of John and Esther (Collins) Parcell, by whom he has two sons and three daughters: William Henry (who is associated with his father in business, and is an intelligent and enterprising young gentleman), Annie Sophia (now the worthy wife of A. H. Wilhelm, Esq., of Grand Island), Alice E. (wife of Judge Joseph H. Mullin, whose sketch appears in this work), Charles A. (who is making a study of mechanics and engineering in St. Louis), and Lillian (who remains with her parents). In 1861 Mr. Hooper came with his family to American shores and for one year followed blacksmithing in Omaha, Neb., after which he moved to Merrick County, Neb., and tried his hand at farming, but in 1865 also abandoned the plow and sickle for the foundry and machinist business, and came to Grand Island, opening a blacksmith and machine shop. In 1878 he added the foundry business and his establishment is now being conducted on quite an extensive scale. He has always been alive to the growing needs of Grand Island, and has stood foremost among her citizens in support of all matters pertaining to the welfare of the city and county. Officially he has served as State representative one term; county treasurer, two terms; county commissioner, several terms; mayor of Grand Island, two terms; councilman, several terms; a member of the school board, several terms, and served as treasurer of the last-named body between eight and ten years. He is one of the original stockholders of the Grand Island Improvement Company, and socially is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which order he has advanced to the Chapter, and also belongs to the I. O. O. F., being a member of the Encampment.

Blake Clinton Howard is a master mechanic in the Union Pacific car shops at Grand Island, Neb. He was born near Java in Genesee County, N. Y., June 30, 1832, being the fourth of nine children born to Dwight Dimmick and Susan N. (Cleveland) Howard, descendants of old Connecticut and Massachusetts families, respectively. The Howards date their settlement in this country to a very early period—1634—and branches of the family took active part in the Revolutionary War and the

War of 1812. They were of English ancestry, Presbyterians in religious belief, and numbered among them many artisans. The mother belonged to the old American Cleveland family, whose history is very well known in America and numbered among her relatives our worthy ex-President Grover Cleveland and Moses Cleveland, the founder of Cleveland, Ohio. Blake Clinton Howard and his sister, Mrs. R. M. Dane, of Mobile, Ala., are the only ones of their parents' family who are now living. He began business in New York at the early age of fifteen years in the Central Railway shops, but in 1852 he went to Illinois and located in Chicago, and became connected with the Illinois Central Railway as fireman, but at the end of one year he entered the shops, remaining two years. In 1854 he began running an engine on the road, and the following year became engineer of a passenger train between Wapello and Centralia. During the late Rebellion he was a decided Union man in his views, and was engineer of a train which ran through the hot beds of secession, and during this time had some thrilling experiences and some narrow escapes from death, being many times fired at by the Rebels, and in other ways annoyed and troubled. He made Centralia, Ill., his headquarters until January, 1868, when on account of ill health he left the road and removed west, accepting employment with the Union Pacific Railway as traveling engineer to the front, and this position held until July, 1871, when he was appointed division foreman and has since had charge of the shops at Grand Island. He was married in Clinton, De Witt County, Ill., April 3, 1857, to Miss Sarah Sawyer, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of T. E. Sawyer, Esq., of Clinton. Mr. Howard and his wife have reared a family of two sons and three daughters: George E. (who is in the hardware business at Wood River, an engineer by profession), Loretta A. (wife of William H. Hooper, of Grand Island), Clarence H. (assistant master-mechanic on the Missouri Pacific Railroad at St. Louis, Mo.), Emma (wife of George B. Bell, cashier of the Grand Island Banking Company) and Margaret A. Willie H., their second child, died in Centralia, Ill., and is there buried in the city cem-

etery. All these children are well educated and are a credit to the communities in which they reside. Mr. Howard is a Mason, and has served as master, high priest and eminent commander in this order, has taken all the degrees in the I. O. O. F., and belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and has served as a delegate from his district in the first, second, eighth, eighteenth and twenty-fifth national conventions. He also belongs to the K. of H., and his wife is a member of the Rebecca and Eastern Star Lodges. They are both members of the First Presbyterian Church, and he is a stockholder in the Grand Island Improvement Company, the Grand Island Building & Loan Association, serving as president of the latter, and was a member of the school board eleven years, and was president of that body nearly half that time.

Frank E. Howe, farmer and stock-raiser, Wood River, Neb. To the person who closely applies himself to any occupation which he has chosen as his calling through life there can be but one result—that of success and a high position of esteem from those among whom he has made his home. And the case of Mr. Howe is no exception to the rule, for it has only been by industry and strict attention to business that he has attained to the situation which he now enjoys. He was born in New Hampshire in 1848, and his parents, H. and S. (Muzzy) Howe, were natives of the same State, the father born November 10, 1810, and the mother July 11, 1826. The former died May 31, 1863, and the latter followed him to the grave in 1864. They were the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, five still living. The paternal grandfather was also a native of the Granite State. Frank E. Howe attained his growth in New Hampshire, and received a good common-school education. He remained in his native State until 1871, when he emigrated west, and settled in Nebraska. He came to this State with limited means, but with the determination that characterizes him, he went to work—to grow up and build up with the country. That he has been successful is hardly necessary to add when one looks over his fine farm with its good buildings, etc., and the fine

breed of stock that is to be found on his 280 acres. Mr. Howe was married in Hall County to Miss Anna Hileman, a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1855, and their family circle has been increased by four children: Lloyd, Frank, Leo and Lola. Mrs. Howe is of German descent, and the daughter of Michael B. and Caroline L. (Crissman) Hileman. Mr. Hileman was born in Pennsylvania in 1818, and died in 1877. He went to Illinois in early life, and was there engaged in merchandising and keeping a hotel. He afterward came to Nebraska, where he passed the last days of his life. His wife is still alive.

Mrs. S. A. Hunt, a much-respected and esteemed resident of Hall County, was born in the Keystone State in 1830, and is the daughter of Hawley and Cressa (Smead) Hammond. The father was born in 1807, and was in one of the battles on Lake Erie in the War of 1812. He was residing in Lee County, Iowa, at the time of his death, which occurred in 1860. He was a very successful farmer. His wife was born in Vermont in 1789, and died in 1865. They were the parents of twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity, and seven still surviving. The paternal grandfather was a native of Vermont. Mrs. Hunt was next to the youngest child of the family, and was reared to womanhood in Lee County, Iowa. There she was united in marriage to J. N. Hunt, who was born in Ohio in 1833, and died in 1866. Their marriage was celebrated in 1862. Mr. Hunt followed merchandising while living in the city, but subsequently removed to a farm, on account of his health. Two of the children born to them are now alive: Hannah (a popular school-teacher) and Josephine. Mrs. Hunt is the owner of 300 acres of land. She has displayed rare intelligence and ability in the conduct of her place, and is well posted on general subjects, discussing the current topics of the day with clearness and understanding.

Conrad Huper. As a man of business Mr. Huper's name and standing have become well-known throughout Hall County, and since July 1, 1887, he has been associated with Mr. Frank Lange in the hardware and stove business in the

city of Grand Island. He was born in Bergenhusen, near Friedrichstadt, Schleswig, Germany, September 8, 1853, and is a son of Conrad Huper and Wiebke (Gosch), who are worthy citizens of Germany. Conrad Huper was reared in his native land, and there continued to make his home until July 15, 1873, when he emigrated to the United States, and almost immediately took up his abode in Grand Island, where he worked at the hardware business until 1887. Then he became associated with Mr. Frank Lange in their present business, which, owing to their strict attention to the details of the work, excellent ability and foresight, has built them up one of the largest and most prosperous trades in the county. Mr. Huper's career since coming to this country has been strictly honorable, and with each vital interest of this section he has been closely identified, thereby winning the respect of all who know him. He is a stockholder in the Grand Island Improvement Company, and socially a member of the A. O. U. W., and the Platt-Deutsche Verein. He was married in Grand Island, December 31, 1882, to Miss Margaretha Denker, who was born February 16, 1860, near Marne, Holstein, Germany, being a daughter of John and Cathrina (Jœhde) Denker. To their union a son and daughter have been born: Dora and Ferdinand. Dora was born October 20, 1883, and Ferdinand, October 26, 1885. They worship in the Lutheran Church.

Samuel C. Huston is a member of the firm of Dill & Huston, real-estate and loan agents of Grand Island, Neb. These gentlemen are thoroughly reliable and methodical in their business transactions, and this has firmly established them in popular favor, as well as the fact that "honorable representation and fair treatment to all" is one of their principal mottoes. Mr. Huston was born in Painesville, Ohio, October 11, 1861, and is a son of Cyrus and Rhoda (Taylor) Huston, who were born in Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively, the former's birth occurring in 1825, and his death in Ohio in 1863, he having been a tiller of the soil throughout life. His widow, with her two children, came to Grand Island, Neb., in 1871, and here she is now living at the age of sixty years.

Samuel C. Huston was an attendant of the schools of this town when a youth, but determined to acquire a better knowledge of the "world of books" than Grand Island afforded, and for this purpose entered the Nebraska City College, where he spent two years. The following year was devoted to surveying in Wyoming, after which he returned to his old home and the following six years were spent in clerking in the store of J. W. West. In 1887 he opened a confectionery store, in connection with Mr. Dill, and after successfully conducting this business for two years they embarked in their present enterprise, and although they have only continued a short time, they are already well and favorably known, and are kept constantly busy. Mr. Huston is a young man of push and enterprise, and is doing a great deal to advance the material interests of the city and county. He has always been a Democrat in his political views and his first presidential vote was cast for Grover Cleveland in 1884. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and is one of the old settlers of Grand Island. His marriage, in November, 1887, was to Miss Anna A. West, a daughter of J. W. West. She was born in Delaware in 1867, and is the mother of one child, Samuel E. (born July 14, 1888).

Henry Joehnck is an influential pioneer citizen of Hall County, Neb., and for some time has been engaged in market-gardening at Grand Island. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, April 28, 1835, and is a son of Christian and Katharina H. Joehnck. He spent his youth in his native county and attended school until he was sixteen years of age, after which he went to Berlin and spent four years in learning the trade of a wagon-maker. At the age of twenty years he accompanied his father and mother, two brothers and three sisters to America, and on reaching this country the family came westward to Davenport, Iowa, and two months later the parents, with five of their children, settled on a farm in Clinton County, where the former spent the remainder of their days. The father died August 12, 1885, at the age of ninety-one years, and the mother February 20, 1889, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. Henry Joehnck did not accompany his

relatives to Clinton County, but preferred to fight his own way in the world, and accordingly remained in Davenport two years longer, working at his trade. March 27, 1857, he was married in that city to Miss Margaret Goos, a daughter of Carl F. G. and Maria (Peterson) Goos. Mrs. Joehnck was born in Schleswig, Germany, February 4, 1840, and, with her parents, one brother and two sisters, came to America in the fall of 1851. On reaching this country they also settled in Davenport, and here Mr. Goos followed the occupation of wagon-making. He died June 27, 1867, at the age of fifty-four years. His wife survives him, is a resident of Davenport and is seventy-seven years of age. Two months after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Joehnck, in company with twenty-three men and five women, one young girl and one child, started from Davenport for the territory of Nebraska, overland, and came to the present site of Grand Island, which town was founded by them and named. It will be seen from this that Mr. Joehnck and his wife are among the very earliest settlers. After working at his trade for two years he turned his attention to farming, gardening and stock-raising, and has successfully followed these pursuits ever since. The following family have been born to this couple: William, Fred, Henry, Carl, Dora, Laura, Christian, Augusta, Metha and Detlef. The eldest of these is thirty and the youngest ten years of age, and five of the children are married. The entire family are members of the German Lutheran Church. March 27, 1882, Mr. and Mrs. Joehnck celebrated their silver wedding, at which time their relatives and friends assembled in large numbers and left them many handsome and valuable presents as a token of their respect, good will and esteem.

Stephen Jones is one of Hall County's prosperous agriculturists, but is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Luzerne County, March 3, 1842, being a son of Daniel and Catherine (Jenkins) Jones, the former being also born in Pennsylvania, his birth occurring in 1807, and there he continued to make his home until his death in 1876. A Whig in early life, he afterward became a Republican, and during the Civil War was a strong

Union man and served for some time as deputy provost marshal. He was a man of very energetic temperament, but his body was unequal to the duties which he imposed upon it, and his health was very feeble during the declining years of his life. His wife was born November 29, 1808, in Pennsylvania, and is still a resident of that State, being hale for her years. The Jones family were originally from Wales, and the Jenkins from Germany. Stephen Jones attained manhood in his native State and supplemented his common-school education by attending Wyoming Seminary. When twenty years of age he enlisted in the Federal army, in Schooly's independent battery, but it was subsequently transferred to the Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, Company M, Second Regiment, and was on duty at Fort Delaware and Washington, D. C., until May, 1864, when his regiment joined Grant at Cold Harbor, and was with him until the fall of Petersburg. Following the last battle in which Mr. Jones participated he was appointed division mail agent in Gen. Hartsuff's headquarters. He received his discharge June 21, 1865, was mustered out at Petersburg and returned to his native State, and after farming for a short time began teaching school, continuing one term. After acting as foreman of a gang of men on the construction of a railroad for six months, he remained at home for the three following months, then went to Texas with a brother and made his home in the West for two years. After farming in his native State the two following years he was married May 10, 1869, to Miss Margaret Furman, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1842, and with her removed to Effingham County, Ill., where he found employment until the following year, then settling on his present farm in Hall County, Neb., which comprises 240 acres. He is a Republican, a member of the A. F. & A. M., and G. A. R. He and wife have two daughters: Lulu (who is a teacher in the graded school of Wood River), Lena M. (who is also a teacher and a graduate of the Wood River schools.)

H. M. Jones, farmer, Wood River, Neb. Among the successful agriculturists of Hall County, whose

merits are such as to entitle him to representation in the present work is Mr. Jones, the subject of this sketch. He was born in Luzerne County, Pa., July 13, 1846, and is the son of Daniel and Catherine (Jenkins) Jones, both natives of Pennsylvania. The father was born also in Luzerne County, May 30, 1807, and lived on one farm for forty years. He died there in October, 1876. He was a great traveler and wandered all over Michigan and the Western States. He owned at one time 1,000 acres of land where the city of Chicago is now standing, and sold it for 50 cents an acre. He was married, October 8, 1826, to Miss Jenkins, who was born November 29, 1808, and who is still living in Pennsylvania. They were the parents of twelve children, eleven of whom grew to maturity. The maternal grandfather was a child at the time of the Wyoming massacre, and was saved from death by being dressed in the clothes of a woman. H. M. Jones attained his growth in Pennsylvania, and received a common and high-school education. He worked on his father's farm until grown, and February 14, 1871, he left home and emigrated West. He joined his brother, Steve Jones [see sketch], in Illinois, and they took wagons and after a tedious journey arrived at Lone Tree, Neb. This was then in an unsettled condition and the present cities were then but villages. They had enough money to make a start, but the dry weather and grasshoppers made times very hard. Mr. Jones entered 240 acres of land, which he has since improved very much. He was married, May 12, 1873, to Miss Rebecca Hillman, a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1851, and to them have been born two children: Claude D. and Grace C. Mrs. Jones came with her parents to Nebraska, in 1872, and received a superior education in her native county. She was a school-teacher, and the first one in District 8. Her father, Michael Hillman, was born June 23, 1818, was a native of Pennsylvania, and of Dutch descent. Her mother, whose maiden name was Caroline Crissman, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1831, was married to Mr. Hillman in 1847 and is now living. Of our subject's brothers and sisters three are deceased: D. W. (born September 5, 1840, died in June, 1841), Merritt B.

(born November 8, 1834, died January 1, 1870, at Fort Clark, Tex.; he was a government employe) and France (born November 23, 1827, grew to womanhood, married M. W. Cooley, and died in 1881, leaving six children). The family of Mr. and Mrs. Jones consists of Susanna B. (now Mrs. H. K. Ebert, resides in Wood River, Neb.), Hester (a widow), Elizabeth, Helen M. (the wife of Mr. Day), Elvira (married) and Louisa, all in Pennsylvania, and T. J. Jones, in Michigan. Mr. Jones is a Republican in politics and belongs to the M. W. A.

S. M. Jordan, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Wood River, Neb., and treasurer of Wood River Township, Hall County, of that State, was born in Gentry County, Mo., in 1860, and remained on a farm there until twenty years of age. He graduated from the Northwest Normal and Business Institute at Stanberry, Mo., in 1885, and afterward taught in the common schools for some time. Later he was made principal of the Stanberry public schools, which position he held for two years, and in May, 1888, he moved to Wood River, Neb., where, besides teaching, he has held the above-mentioned positions of trust and honor. He was elected treasurer of Wood River Township in November, 1889, and fills that position as well as collector of the township taxes. He was married in Stanberry, Mo., in June, 1889, to Miss Stella Flowers, a native of Missouri, born in 1863. His parents, Samuel and Ann (Puterbaugh) Jordan, were both natives of Pennsylvania, the father born in 1821, and the mother in 1829. The latter died in 1883, but the father is still living and resides at Stanberry, Mo. The latter was quite well educated, and followed the teacher's profession in his younger days in Pennsylvania for some time. He was also a contractor and builder, which trade he had learned in Pennsylvania, and after his marriage to Miss Puterbaugh he came West, locating in Ohio, thence to Illinois, afterward to Wisconsin, Iowa, and finally to Missouri, where they located at Stanberry, on a farm in 1858. The father, who was in the Union service during the late war, was judge of the county court of Gentry four years. His grandfather came from England

and was married in Philadelphia. He took part in the War of 1812; his wife died in her ninety-sixth year. His father and mother were both born in Bedford County, Pa. The former held the office of justice of the peace for over twenty years, and was an old line Whig, being a great friend of Henry Clay, and mastered the political subjects of the day. He said that he was never drunk but once, and that was the day the news of peace between this country and England was received. He died at the age of seventy years. His family consisted of ten children, eight boys and two girls. One brother and one sister died at the ages of three and five years. David, the eldest, was self-taught, mastered geometry and surveying, took yellow fever while locating a railroad in Mississippi and died and was buried at Natchez. Francis, the second, graduated in Marshall College, in Pennsylvania, was admitted to the bar of Bedford County, practiced law several years and was then sent to the State Senate. He was among the first paymasters Lincoln appointed, and went to Vicksburg to pay the troops, being there when it was taken, then went to Natchez and became sick, when he returned home and resigned. Subsequently he was appointed lieutenant-colonel under Gov. Curtain's staff, and State agent for Pennsylvania troops, with headquarters at Washington, D. C. Going to Harrisburg he was appointed secretary of State under Gov. Curtain and reappointed under Gen. Geery, himself coming within one vote of being nominated Governor of Pennsylvania. He is now practicing law in circuit and supreme courts in Pennsylvania, and is over seventy years of age. Samuel was the third son and William the next. His health failed early in life and he died in Pennsylvania. John M., the fifth, went by wagon from Chicago to Oregon, thence to California when gold was discovered, but returned to Oregon. On his return from California he was shipwrecked and lost all but the clothes he wore. He was a good business man and soon accumulated a fortune. Finally he went back to Pennsylvania, where he died, leaving a daughter and son, the latter now a physician in Philadelphia. Thomas, the sixth, died; had a short but eventful career. He mastered all he undertook. Possess-

ing a great memory, he had a good command of language and wonderful powers of oratory. Overwork in books destroyed his health. He went to Mississippi, then went to Europe with a son of Gen. Quitman, visited England, Germany, France, Ireland, Scotland and Italy. Returning home, the next year he started for the Sandwich Islands. He began teaching there on a good salary, but had to give it up, and started for home by way of California. He reached Sacramento, and in company with his brother John started for Pennsylvania. On reaching New Orleans Thomas died and was taken to Natchez and buried by his oldest brother. James, the next, died at the age of twenty-three from mental over work. The sister graduated at the Young Ladies' Seminary in Philadelphia, but also lost her health from hard study and died at the age of seventeen. None of the boys were ever drunk, and but one ever used tobacco. The ancestors on the mother's side came from Germany and Ireland and located in Pennsylvania. To Samuel and Ann (Puterbaugh) Jordan were born nine children, seven sons and two daughters, our subject being fifth in order of birth. They are named as follows: Louis and James (both in the furniture business at Stanberry), William (in St. Joseph, with the Motor Street Car Line), S. M., George F. (cashier of Sherman County State Bank, in Sherman County, Kas.), Minnie (at home), John (book-keeper for the above-mentioned bank in Sherman County, Kas.), Walter (a student at St. Joseph Business College), and Mary (who died at the age of two and a half years). None of the boys use whisky or tobacco.

Nicholas Kelly was born in the "Emerald Isle" in the month of June, 1829, being a son of Andy and Mary Kelly, who spent their lives on their native island. In 1856 Nicholas Kelly was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Costiean, their union taking place in the United States, but she was also born in Ireland, and on first coming to the New World settled with her relatives in the province of Canada, but later moved to Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Kelly received the advantages of the common schools, and possessing the quick wit and keen intellect of his countrymen, he made

rapid progress in his studies, and is now a well-informed and intelligent man. He followed various pursuits until the spring of 1861, then joined the home guards, but was never in active service. In 1882 he emigrated to Hall County, Neb., and purchased a farm of 160 acres, but his second crop was destroyed by the devouring elements, and for some time it was all he could do to make a living. By almost superhuman efforts he soon established himself on a sound footing, and has made for himself and family a comfortable home, much better than is owned by the average Nebraska farmer. His farm of 160 acres is all under cultivation, and is well stocked. He has always been generous in his contributions to worthy enterprises, and has always interested himself in the welfare of the community in which he has resided. He and wife are the parents of four children: Audrene (deceased), John, William and Andrew. The family attend the Roman Catholic Church.

Hiram E. Kent, farmer, was born in Erie County, Pa., April 5, 1833, and is a son of John Kent, who was born in New Hampshire, but was reared principally in Canada, whither he was taken by his parents at an early day. After reaching manhood he moved to Vermont, and was married there to Miss Zanna Chittenden, a native of the "Green Mountain State." Mr. Kent served for over three years in the War of 1812, and after his marriage moved to York State, thence to Erie County, Pa., where both parents spent the remainder of their days. Hiram E. Kent received a good early education in the common schools of Erie County, Pa., and supplemented this with a three-years' course in Girard Academy, after which he engaged in teaching the "young idea" in Pennsylvania and Arkansas. He was married in 1860, in Pennsylvania, to Miss Asenath Jerome, who was born, reared and educated in Ohio, and a daughter of Charles Jerome, and after their marriage they engaged in farming in Erie County, continuing until 1864, and in February of that year Mr. Kent enlisted in the Third Pennsylvania Artillery, and served until he received his discharge, July 25, 1865. He was then engaged in farming in Erie County until 1869, at which time he moved to Kansas, and after a two-

years' residence in Atchison County, he came to Hall County, Neb., and is now the owner of 160 acres of good land. His farm is situated about five miles from Grand Island, and is well improved with good buildings, fences, orchards, etc. Mr. Kent has served about twelve years as justice of the peace, and is a man who commands the respect and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact. He and wife have a daughter, Elma A. (who is still at home.)

Gustave Koehler is a liquor merchant and ice dealer of Grand Island, Neb., and was born at Mohorn, near Wilsdruff, kingdom of Saxony, Germany, December 27, 1842, being a son of Heinrich and Carolina (Henker) Koehler, who reared a family of three children: Bertha (widow of Herman Werner, of Wilsdruff), Louis and Gustave. The father was a brick-maker by trade. Gustave Koehler came to America in 1866, and joined his brother Louis in Indiana, the latter being now a resident of Chicago, in the tin-smithing business, and although he had learned the drug business prior to coming to this country, he found that the hardware business would be more profitable, and accordingly opened an establishment at New Corydon, Ind., and was profitably engaged there for two years. Being subject, however, to chills and fever in that locality, he removed to Omaha, Neb., and worked at the liquor business for two years, and then followed the same occupation in Wichita, Kas., being also engaged in farming and gardening. Since 1880 he has resided in Grand Island, and although he held the office of supervisor of Hall County one term, he is averse to holding public office. In 1885 he started a fine ice and fish pond at Grand Island, introducing German carp, and in addition to these enterprises, he is quite extensively engaged in the real-estate business, dealing in farms as well as city property. He is a stockholder in the Grand Island Improvement Company, is a director of the Citizen's Bank, and is a stockholder in the canning factory. In all matters pertaining to the growth and development of his locality he has given an active support, and is highly respected as one of the leading business men of this portion of the State. He is a member

of the Liederkrantz, and he and his family worship in the Lutheran Church. He was married in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Miss Kate Whitney, a native of York State, born in Otsego County. Mr. Koehler's only child, Emma, is a student at Garfield University, Wichita, Kas.

Hon. Henry Arnold Koenig, president of the Citizens' National Bank at Grand Island, Neb., was born in Gütersloh, Westphalen, Prussia, May 3, 1836, and is a son of Henry Christof and Caroline (Zumwinkel) Koenig, the former of whom was a distiller by occupation, although his attention was given to other occupations also, he being the proprietor of a hotel. The Koenigs were a mercantile and manufacturing people, and the Zumwinkels were prominently identified with the pork packing interests of Westphalen. Hon. Henry Arnold Koenig grew to manhood in his native land and received a good literary education in the public schools, supplemented by a commercial training at Osnabrück, graduating from an educational institution of that place, at the age of sixteen years. After spending four years as clerk in Arnsberg he went back to Gütersloh, and for about three years was a book-keeper in a pork-packing establishment belonging to an uncle. He next spent one year in the regular army, but in the fall of 1859 he joined an elder brother, who had been a resident of Omaha, Neb., and was then at home on a visit, and came with him to America, and until the breaking out of the late Civil War was engaged in clerking in Omaha. He then enlisted in Company B, First Nebraska Volunteer Infantry, and was on active duty until the fall of Fort Donelson, when he was honorably discharged on account of disability and returned to Omaha. In 1863 he became associated with Fred A. Wiebe in the general mercantile business in Denver, Colo., but not being satisfied with his location he sold out his interest there and returned to Omaha, but almost immediately came to Grand Island and opened a general mercantile establishment, which he successfully conducted for several years. During the Sioux Indian War of 1864 he fortified his store, and many farmers with their families would take refuge there during the night to protect them-

selves from the depredations of the Indians. During the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad he was a general contractor in railroad ties, and also furnished supplies and kept a State station and telegraph office for the Western Union Telegraph Company. Mr. Koenig and his partner built the first saw-mill in Grand Island, and in 1867 attached a grist-mill, which did duty here for many years. They dealt in grain, lumber, coal and general merchandise, and their trade extended from Columbus to Kearney. They started a general banking business at an early day, but by 1871 it had become so extensive that they opened a State bank under the name of the State Central Bank, which continued until 1884 and then became the Citizens' National Bank, and as such has since continued, Mr. Koenig being president of the bank continually since its organization. In 1887 the United States Investment Company was organized and a street car railway was built, of which Mr. Koenig has since been president. He has always been a very public spirited citizen, and to his influence is due the establishment of the beet root sugar industry at Grand Island, and he was also one of the chief promoters of the Grand Island Improvement Company. He has been active in local politics and has served the county as treasurer several terms, and from 1871 to 1874 was treasurer of the State. He has also been a member of the school board of the city, and was one of the organizers of the Liederkrantz. Although he attends the Lutheran Church he is liberal in his views. He was married in Grand Island, Miss Agathe Henriette Von Wasmer, a daughter of William Von Wasmer becoming his wife, and his union with her has resulted in the birth of three sons and one daughter: Richard (who is a book-keeper in the Citizens' National Bank, is married and the father of a son, named William), Mary (who is the accomplished wife of Dr. John Janss, of North Loup, Neb., and is the mother of a daughter, named Frida), Arnold (an intelligent young gentleman, taking the civil engineers' course in the Washington University of St. Louis), and Henry (a clerk in St. Louis).

William Kurka is a Bohemian, born in 1840,

which fact is enough to assure one that he is one of the enterprising, frugal and industrious men of the community in which he resides. He remained in his native land until thirty years of age, then came to the United States to seek his fortune, and subsequent events have proved his judgment to be good, for he is now a successful merchant tailor of Grand Island, and has a competency which places him beyond the reach of want. After coming to the New World he worked for a short time in Chicago, then traveled for some time, and in 1880 located in Grand Island, and here has been prominently identified with the merchant tailoring interests of the place ever since. He is the owner of a fine business block and residence in Grand Island, and the thorough manner in which he has conducted his affairs and the success which has attended his efforts, have tended to place him among the leading business men of the place. He was united in marriage to Miss Anna Manning, a native of London, Canada, their union taking place there. Mr. Kurka is a Select Knight of the K. of P., and as a man of business enjoys the esteem and confidence of all who know him. His parents, Matthew and Catherine Kurka, were also native Bohemians.

Elbert S. Lamon was brought up to the life of a farmer by his father, Manuel Lamon, and like the majority of boys has followed in his progenitor's footsteps, and is now one of the leading agriculturists and stockmen of Hall County. He is a native of the "Hoosier State," born in Harrison County, June 10, 1831, whither his parents moved from their native State of Tennessee in 1829, both being of German parentage. Here the father was engaged in farming until his death, which occurred about 1868, his wife surviving him about twenty years, her death occurring at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. Mr. Lamon was a man well known and highly esteemed for his many worthy qualities, and was for twelve consecutive years magistrate in his district. He was also a faithful soldier in the War of 1812. Elbert S. Lamon attained his manhood in Harrison County, Ind., making his home with his father, and was married there November 23, 1854, to Priscilla Green, a daughter of John and Leah Green,

natives of the "Blue Grass State." Mrs. Lamont was born and reared in Kentucky, and after her marriage she and Mr. Lamont settled on a farm in Crawford County, which they continued to till until the fall of 1874, when they came to Nebraska. From that time until the spring of 1880 Mr. Lamont rented land, but in the last-named year located on the farm he now occupies, which consists of 274 acres of fine land. He has just sold 200 acres, and now has a neat little farm of seventy-four acres all under cultivation and well improved with excellent buildings. He has a fine young bearing orchard of about 800 trees, also some cherry and plum trees. He has always been a Republican in his political views, and has served as a delegate to numerous county conventions. He has been a member of the school board in his district, and socially is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Deuel Chapter No. 11. His family consists of the following children: Manuel (who is married and resides in Sherman County, Neb.), William C. (who is married and resides in Grand Island), John, Walter, Virginia A. (wife of Charles Labatt, of Los Angeles, Cal.), Mary J. (wife of E. C. Walker, a sketch of whom appears in this work), Amy E. (wife of Austin Roberts, of Decatur County, Iowa), Minerva, Ida C. and Cora M.

John F. Langan, dealer in retail liquor, Wood River, Neb. This gentleman is a native of Pennsylvania, born January 5, 1857, and is the son of James and Mary (Bresnihan) Langan. The father was a native of the Emerald Isle, and came to the United States when a young man, located in Pittston, Luzerne County, Pa., and there worked in the mines for some time. He was married in that State, and there reared six of the seven children born to his union. He still resides in Pittston, but comes out West to visit his son, J. F., quite often. The mother was born in Cork, Ireland, but came to America and was married in Pennsylvania to Mr. Langan. She was the mother of seventeen children. J. F. Langan grew to manhood in Pennsylvania, received a common school education, and worked in machine shops, and engaged in running a sewing-machine factory for four and a half years. He came to this State in 1885 and re-

mained here about ten months, when he went back and worked for the same company for about nine months. Again he returned to this State and embarked in the liquor business in Wood River, and has been here about three years. He has been quite successful, and is an enterprising and industrious man. He was married June 12, 1888, to Miss Maggie Conner, a native of Farnsdale, Pa., where she received her education. She is a lady of superior mental ability, and of high personal attainments. They have one child, a daughter, named Mary A. Mr. Langan owns the fixtures for two saloons here and is doing well. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

Seth Lee, farmer and stock-raiser, Cameron, Neb. A glance at the lives of the many representative men whose names appear in this volume will reveal sketches of some honored, influential citizens, who have passed beyond man's allotted age of three-score years and ten, and among those deserving of mention is Mr. Seth Lee. He was born in Bristol County, Mass., July 12, 1818, and his father, Stephen Lee, was also a native of the same county in Massachusetts. The latter grew to manhood, received his education, and was married to Miss Sarah West in Bristol County. She was also a native of that county, and there grew to womanhood. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom reached maturity. Both parents were members of the Christian Church. The paternal great-grandfather, G. F. Stephen Lee, was born in Bristol County, Mass., and was a farmer by occupation. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and his grandson, Stephen D. Lee, has his gun. Seth Lee was eighteen years of age when he moved to Providence, R. I., where he learned the trade of carpenter, and was married August 13, 1840, to Miss Lucy Pearce, a native of that city, who was born March 22, 1822. They were the parents of the following children: Edwin S. (born June 17, 1842), Julia M. (born October 13, 1844), Amanda E. (born February 15, 1848), Willard H. (born March 28, 1856) and Charles F. (born March 18, 1862, and died February 27, 1867). Seth Lee worked at contracting and building for twenty-five years, and in that way accumulated

considerable wealth. He came west in 1872, invested in land, and is now the owner of two sections, valued at \$30 per acre. He began life with little or no means, but by saving \$100 a year was worth \$10,000 when he left Rhode Island. He is a member of the Christian Church, and in his political views affiliates with the Republican party. During the late unpleasantness between the North and South he was a staunch Union man, and opposed to slavery. His wife is still living, and if both survive until August 13, 1890, they will be permitted to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. The grandparents on both sides were natives of Bristol County, Mass., and the maternal grandfather was a mechanic by trade, and a member of the Christian Church. He died in Warren, R. I.

Edwin S. Lee, farmer and stock-raiser, Wood River, Neb. This prosperous farmer and stock-raiser of Hall County, Neb., owes his nativity to Providence, R. I., where his birth occurred June 17, 1842 [see sketch of Seth Lee, for parents], and remained there until sixteen years of age, attending the public schools of that city. He then moved with his parents to Massachusetts, and attended school in that State until twenty-one years of age. In 1864 he married Miss Amanda C. Wood, who was born in the town of Swansea, Mass., in 1844, and who received a more than ordinary education. They remained in Massachusetts, where Mr. Lee followed agricultural pursuits until 1872, when he emigrated to Nebraska, and settled in Hall County, where he homesteaded a good tract of land. He is now the owner of 320 acres, all of which is tillable, and is one of the flourishing stock-raisers and feeders of the county. His farm shows evidence of thrift and energy. They came to Nebraska at a day when the marks of pioneer life were everywhere present, and brought with them the customs of the urbane population of the Eastern States. They are the parents of four living children: Arthur (who was born May 20, 1867), Stephen (born in September, 1869), Lawrence (born December 25, 1873), and Seba (born November 29, 1881); Hattie, who died May 28, 1888, was twenty three years of age. Ste-

phen attended the Methodist Episcopal School at Central City, Neb., and is especially proficient in mathematics. Mr. and Mrs. Lee made a visit to their old home during the autumn of 1889, visiting Bunker Hill Monument and old Faneul Hall, and other important places in and about their old home. They brought with them on their return as family relics two readers bearing the date of 1802 and 1805, respectively, also the arithmetic used in the eighteenth century by ancestors of the family. Mrs. Lee is a lady of education and refinement, and is above the average in culture and attainments. Her parents, Abel B. and Amanda C. (Case) Wood, were both natives of Massachusetts, the former born in 1814 and the latter in 1818. He was a farmer and died in Massachusetts in 1887. He was a member of the Christian Church. The mother died in December, 1888, and was one of eighteen children born to her parents, her mother being fifty-one years of age when Mrs. Wood was born. Mr. Lee has acceptably served as justice of the peace. He is a Republican in politics, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Edward Lennan, farmer and stock-raiser, Underwood. What is usually termed genius has little to do with the success of men in general. Keen perception, sound judgment and a determined will, supported by persevering and continuous effort, are essential elements to success in any calling. Mr. Lennan was born in Maine, in 1848, and was reared and educated in that State. He went to Wisconsin in 1870, remained there but a short time and then went to Woodford County, Ill., where he worked in a store for about a year. In 1874 he came to Hall County, Neb., and was married in Hastings County, Neb., in 1878, to Miss Mary C. Page, a native of New Hampshire, and the daughter of John W. and Sarah A. (Page) Page, natives of the Granite State. Mrs. Page is still a native of that State, but Mr. Page is deceased. After his marriage Mr. Lennan settled on the farm where he now lives, and has made many improvements. He planted an orchard, also has some small fruit, and is very comfortably fixed. His farm, consisting of 160 acres, is situated from eight to ten miles from

three or four towns, is all cultivated, and on it he has two houses. He is interested in politics, and votes with the Republican party; is a member of the Farmers' Alliance, and has held office in this organization, and he and Mrs. Lennan are members of the North Hastings Congregational Church. Mr. Lennan, being one of the early settlers south of the Platte River, passed through the grasshopper raids, the drought and the bad storms of Nebraska, but likes the State and is permanently located here. His parents, Thomas and Dorothea (Page) Lennan, were natives of the Pine Tree State, and the father always made his home in that State. He was a wool-carder and died in 1869. The mother died in 1869. They were the parents of four children, of whom Edward Lennan was the youngest.

Joseph Lilley. The subject of this sketch is one of the honored residents of Hall County, Neb., and although he has only resided here for a period of ten years, he has become well known and the respect and esteem shown him is as wide as his acquaintance. His finely improved farm of 151 acres is well improved with good buildings, fences, orchard, etc., and he is accounted by all a successful tiller of the soil. He was born in the "Keystone State" in 1837, being a son of Isaac and Mary (De Walt) Lilley, who were born in 1801 and 1803, respectively, and died in Pennsylvania in 1885. Joseph Lilley received the education and rearing which is usually accorded the farmer's boy, and upon reaching a proper age was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Caroline McCarter, who was born in 1845, also in Pennsylvania. She is a daughter of E. B. and Eunice (Bacon) McCarter, who were born in 1796 in Pennsylvania, and in New York in 1801, and died in Pennsylvania in 1871 and 1885, respectively. Mr. Lilley's marriage took place in Pennsylvania in 1864, and their union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Isabella, Daniel De Walt, Edwin K., Pharez B., Eunice M., J. Harley, Sarah E., Bertie C., Emma F. (deceased), Lora V. and Orville H. Isabella, the eldest daughter, is now the wife of Robert L. Converse, their union taking place in 1882, and they have since been residents of Montana. During the late

war Mr. Lilley served in the One Hundred and Seventy-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry (drafted), until 1863. He is now a member of the G. A. R., and in his political views is a Republican and is a director of his school district. E. B. McCarter had four sons in the Volunteer army, the youngest of whom, Henry, died of fever contracted in Virginia. James died also of disease. Warren was wounded and held a prisoner, and Elisha is still living. Mr. Lilley had also a brother among the Volunteers.

George Loan, Sr., water commissioner of Grand Island, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, March 23, 1826, being a son of George and Mary (Glen-denning) Loan, the former a physician in the royal navy and an eminent man, who became a sacrifice in the East India service to the fever prevalent there. George Loan attained manhood in his native land, and in his early youth became proficient in the art of wire-making, and afterward worked for about fourteen years as an expert. His trade carried him over Scotland, England and Ireland, and in 1867 he came to America and settled in Grand Island, where he has made his home ever since. For about four years he worked in the Union Pacific car shops at Grand Island and three years in the Union Pacific machine shops at North Platte, Neb., and afterward spent some time in the Black Hills, but returned in 1877, and has since been closely identified with Grand Island's interests. He served four years as chief of police, and is now filling the office of water commissioner, and is a stockholder in the Grand Island Improvement Company and the Grand Island Canning Company. He has reared and educated his family well, and has the pleasure of seeing them occupy honorable citizenship in the different localities in which they live. He came to these shores a poor man, willing and capable to earn a respectable livelihood, but has succeeded far beyond his expectations, and to day enjoys the blessings of plenty and the esteem and respect of all who know him. He still retains a healthy constitution, and the pleasant geniality of his youth. He was married in Downpatrick, Ireland, to a Miss Sarah Johnson, a native of Northumberland, England, a daughter of Thomas

Johnson, and by her became the father of the following family of children: Alice (wife of Robert Patterson, a substantial citizen of Sedalia, Colo., and an engineer by profession), Mary (wife of Warren Goddard, engineer at Raton, N. M.), Fannie (wife of Robert M. Stout, also an engineer, of Como, Colo.), Matilda W. and Bessie G. (at home, the latter being her father's assistant), George, Jr. (a business man in Grand Island) and Edgar G. (a printer in Denver, Colo.)

Frederick Lohmann is a member of the firm of Hehnke & Lohmann, contractors and builders, Grand Island, Neb. His birth occurred near Bunde, Westphalen, Prussia, February 15, 1860, his parents, Henry and Charlotte (Brunhaus) Lohmann, being also born there, the father a fairly successful tiller of the soil. He came with his family to the United States in 1882 and took up his abode in Grand Island, Neb., his son, Frederick, having come here in 1881. He had learned the carpenter's trade in his native land, and after reaching the United States he worked at his trade for a short time in St. Louis, and from 1882 to 1885 followed the same occupation in Grand Island, after which he became associated with Mr. Hehnke in business and has since successfully continued. He is a young man of active and energetic temperament, is intelligent and public spirited, a thorough master of his trade, and he and Mr. Hehnke constitute a substantial firm. Since settling in Grand Island he has been married to Miss Mary Grove-meyer, who was born in Kirchlingen, Westphalen, Prussia, in 1864, and a son and daughter have blessed their union: Mary and Henry. Mr. and Mrs. Lohmann attend the Lutheran Church, and are worthy citizens of Hall County.

Clarence Lowry, farmer and stock-raiser, Doniphan, Neb. Clarence Lowry was born in Fulton County, Ind., in 1854, and his early life was divided between working on the farm and attending the common schools of the period. At the age of eighteen years he emigrated to Hall County, Neb., with his mother, and at that time there was not a house on the table land south of the Platte River. In 1876 he homesteaded eighty acres where he now resides and commenced improving the

same, and to that he has added enough to make 200 acres of good tillable land, situated on Platte River. He was married in Hall County in 1877 to Miss Maggie Dufford, a native of Pennsylvania, who was left an orphan at an early age. She came to this county with her uncle, Charles Dufford [see sketch]. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lowry: Della, Nettie, Archie and Robert. Mr. Lowry is a Republican in politics, and takes considerable interest in the political affairs of the county. Socially he is a member of Doniphan Lodge No. 86, A. F. & A. M. Like others of the pioneer settlers, he has experienced the grasshopper raids, but has never been discouraged, and likes the State well enough to make it his permanent home. The improvements on his place are complete and neat in all respects. Stock-raising in conjunction with his farming operations he is making a specialty. He was the youngest of ten children born to the marriage of William and Sarah (Clark) Lowry, natives of the Buckeye State. At an early day the parents moved to Indiana, thence to Nebraska in 1858, settling in Nemaha County, and there the father was engaged in tilling the soil. He died in 1861 and the family came to Hall County in 1872. The mother is still living and resides with the subject of this sketch.

Rev. P. Lynch, Wood River, Neb. Among the Catholic prelates of the diocese of Omaha, Neb., who have especially distinguished themselves as laborers in the vineyard of Christ, none are more zealous, nor have the labors of any one been crowned with greater success, than those of Rev. Father Lynch, the subject of this sketch, and the present pastor of St. Mary's Church, Wood River, Neb. He is a man of medium stature, light complexion, and the benignity of his countenance bespeaks a heart full of the gentleness of Christian charity; but to the astute observer there lurks behind the depth of his dark blue eye the energy of that grand old Celtic race so famed in history for their eloquence and for the zeal with which they execute all projects that advance the interest of religion. Father Lynch was born in County Cavin, Ireland, and is the son of James and Mary (Smith) Lynch. In his earlier childhood he

attended the national school of his native village, and when twelve years of age entered St. Patrick's Seminary, Cavin, Ireland, and completed a six years' classical course. After graduating there he entered the Theological College, Dublin, Ireland, and five years later, after arduous research and study, he graduated from the extensive course there. June 24, 1873, he was ordained priest in the above-named college by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Whalen. After ordination he remained three months in his native parish in Cavin, Ireland, with his parents, who were at this time in the vigor of life, and enjoyed a full realization of the most sanguine dreams of the devout Irish Catholic parents to see their son an ordained priest in the Roman Catholic Church. Father Lynch was ordained for the diocese of Omaha, Neb., U. S. A., and in August of the year in which he was ordained was transferred to the city of Omaha. He acted as assistant pastor of the Cathedral at Omaha one year, was then made curate of Columbus, Neb., and served in that capacity for sixteen months. The ability and fidelity with which he had filled his charges up to this time caused him to be appointed pastor of the parish of North Platte and missionary of the same. When he arrived at North Platte he found an ordinary parish with no church facilities. He secured a small room in a country hotel there, and thus devoid of all the comforts of life, with at best but gloomy possibilities and a period of painstaking labor before him, he commenced his career as a pastor. He had a firm trust in God and a manly reliance on his own capabilities. A handsome structure, the first Catholic building ever erected in Lincoln County, Neb., still decorates South Platte as a monument to the scene of Father Lynch's first efforts as a pastor. He also established new missions in that county. He was sent to Plattsmouth, Cass County, Neb., and there built two new churches, established one mission, bought two Catholic cemeteries, and secured the property on which now stands an excellent convent school. He accomplished his work in Cass County in the short space of five years, and at the termination of

that time was removed to Grand Island, Hall County, Neb. He remained in that city for nearly two years, when it was discovered that the incipient parish of Wood River was surely in need of the personal supervision of a man of energy and progress in order to bring it to the standard which it deserved. Accordingly Father Lynch was made the first resident pastor of Wood River. He found here nothing but the crude material, no church and no pastoral residence, no place for the service of mass. He, however, nerved himself for the struggle, and a spacious church, the largest building in the town of Wood River, and a beautiful eight-room pastoral residence and other church property, altogether running far up into the thousands in value and none of it incumbered by a cent of debt, are evidences of the result of his labors in Wood River. This is only excelled by the moral regeneration that has taken place in the parish since his location here. Absence of religious authority and of religious ceremonies had caused many of the people to fall into habits of public dissipation, giving scandal to themselves and to religion. His mild but determined policy placed a check upon the career of the wayward and a seal upon the lips of the traducer, and his wise and prudent counsel has raised many to a plane of moral thinking and living to which they had hitherto been strangers. Father Lynch's sermons are models of literary simplicity. The most illiterate can not fail to understand them, and the most highly educated can but admire their beauty and strength.

James McGuire is a striking example of Irish thrift and acquisitiveness, for he came to Hall County, Neb., but with little means, and is now one of the wealthy agriculturists of this region, being the owner of all of Section 12. He was born in County Meade, Ireland, in 1837, and is a son of Hugh and Jane (Gogarty) McGuire, who were also born in the "Emerald Isle," and with their family emigrated to Canada in the spring of 1843, where they made their home until their respective deaths. In the land of their adoption they reared their family, and here James received fair educational advantages. In the year 1856 he was united in mar-

riage to Miss Annie, a daughter of Jud and Kate Walters, of Ottawa, Canada, and this province continued to be his home until the year 1872, when he emigrated with his family to Nebraska, and first took up his abode in Hall County, where he has become well known as an enterprising, intelligent and successful agriculturist. To his union with Miss Walters a family of ten children have been born: Jud, Francis, Hughey, Jimmy, T. J., Patrick W., Michael (deceased), Matthias, Mary and Kate. Knowing the value of a good education, Mr. McGuire has given his children many advantages, and they are now grown to honorable manhood and womanhood, and are engaged in business for themselves. The entire family are members of the Catholic Church.

John F. Mader has been closely connected with the agricultural interests of Hall County, Neb., since the fall of 1871, and is now one of its wealthy and prosperous farmers and stock-raisers. He was born in Prussia, Germany, April 11, 1833, and is a son of Christopher and Margaret (Krushy) Mader, who were also born in Prussia, and removed to the United States in 1845, settling in Ohio, the father being engaged in farming in Shelby County until his death, which occurred about 1878, his wife dying two years earlier. John F. Mader attended the schools of his native land until his removal to America, and from that time until he attained his majority he remained with and assisted his father in tilling the soil. He was married in Shelby County January 29, 1857, to Miss Catherine Brehm, a daughter of John Brehm, both of whom were born in Bavaria, the former making her home there until she was about ten years of age. They resided in Shelby County a number of years after their marriage, but after residing in Warren County, Ind., from 1867 until 1871, they came to Nebraska and settled on a homestead claim in Prairie Creek Township. This property he sold in 1882, and bought and has since made his present farm, which consists of 200 acres, all excellent tillable land. His farm is improved with substantial buildings, groves and a young bearing orchard, and is situated about four miles from Grand Island. Mr. Mader is a Republican in politics, has been a

member of the school board for twelve years, has served as treasurer and collector, and has also held the position of township supervisor. He has been a delegate to county conventions at different times, and is a man on whose judgment one can safely rely. He and wife have a family of seven children, the two eldest, John and William, being married and residents of the county. The rest are Louis, Elizabeth (wife of Fred Hines), Isabella (wife of John Peterson), George and Charles. The family attend the Presbyterian Church, and he is a Royal Arch Mason.

Richard Mankin, of Hall County, Neb., was born in the kingdom of Hanover, Germany, in 1836, being a son of Henry and Geresha (Tetchen) Mankin, both natives of Hanover. The father was a soldier in the Franco-Prussian war, and is still living, but his wife passed from life when the subject of this sketch was a small child, having borne a family of four children. Richard Mankin came with an uncle to America when twelve years of age, and during his residence in New York City he was a clerk in a grocery and liquor establishment the greater portion of the time, but afterward worked in a packing-box factory, and while thus employed had his hand badly mutilated by a planing machine, which necessitated the amputation of all the fingers on that hand. He was married in New York to Miss Elizabeth Matthews, a native of that city, and on July 6, 1871, they came west, and first located at Brody Island, and in the spring of the following year they settled on their present farm. He first began working on a railroad as a hand, but subsequently became boss on repairs, and was thus engaged about eighteen years altogether. He is now the owner of 400 acres of land, does general farm work, and is also engaged in feeding cattle. He is independent in politics, and he and family attend the Roman Catholic Church. He and wife are the parents of three children: Frank, William and John. Mr. Mankin is a man who thoroughly enjoys his home, and has around him all that can make life enjoyable—a faithful and intelligent wife, dutiful children, and plenty of means. Mrs. Mankin is an Irish-American lady, is an excellent manager, and as a wife and mother

has few equals. Her parents, Patrick and Catherine (Kane) Matthews, were born in Longford, Ireland, and after their marriage came directly to America, and located in Brooklyn, N. Y., where the mother died in 1870, aged fifty-six years. The father afterward came west with Mrs. Mankin, and died in Nebraska, aged about sixty years. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Catholic Church.

Martin V. Marsh, farmer and stock-raiser, Doniphan, Neb. To the stock industry of the various townships of the county must be given a large share of credit for the reputation which Hall County enjoys as a wealthy progressive community. And to those leading men who have contributed so materially in the building up of this reputation, should be extended the sincere thanks and good will of the persons who have been benefited by their course. Prominent in all movements relating to agricultural pursuits or stock-raising, Mr. Marsh has become so well known that nothing need be said by us as to his reliability and responsibility. He was born in Somerset County, Me., in 1837, and is the third in a family of eight, born to Edward E. and Almæda (Young) Marsh, natives also of the Pine Tree State. The father was a tiller of the soil, but in connection carried on the cooper trade. He emigrated to Wisconsin in 1852, settling in Waukesha County, but in 1854 settled in the town of Berry, Dane County, Wis., where he purchased a good farm and made many improvements on it. In October, 1877, he came to Doniphan, Neb., and here his death occurred in January, 1878, at the home of his son, Bradford A. Marsh, when in his seventieth year. The mother still survives. Of their children, William H. resides in Hall County, Lafayette Y. married and resides in Hall County, Martin V. is our subject, and Lucy is the wife of Oliver Fenner. She died in 1886. Josephus enlisted at Fort Wayne, Ind., in the Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, Company D, for three years, in 1862; he was in the Army of the Cumberland and was taken prisoner September 19, at the battle of Chickamauga; he was in Libby Prison, Belle Isle and Andersonville for fourteen months; his death occurred in June, 1864, in Andersonville. Eli E. enlisted in Dane County, Wis., in

Company D, Twenty-third Wisconsin Infantry, in 1862, for three years, and was along the Mississippi as far as Vicksburg; he was taken sick and returned to St. Louis, Jefferson Barracks, where he died June 9, 1863. Bradford A. married and resides in Hall County, where he settled in 1874. Carroll M. married and resides in Chase County, Neb. Martin V. Marsh received his education in the schools of Maine, and early became familiar with the duties of the farm. In May, 1861, he enlisted in Oconto County, Wis., in Company H, Fourth Wisconsin Infantry, and the last two years was in the cavalry. He enlisted as a private, and was mustered into State service at Green Bay, and the United States service at Racine. He was taken directly to the front, was in the Eastern department and was under Gen. Butler at New Orleans. He was promoted from time to time, and was commissioned captain in 1866. He was on the transports at the siege of Fort Jackson and St. Phillips, and thence to New Orleans. His regiment was one of the first to march in the streets of that city. From there they went to Vicksburg, taking part in the battle of Baton Rouge, La., August 5, 1862; siege of Port Hudson, La., 1863, and was wounded at Clinton, La., June 3, 1863; Fort Blakely, Ala., April, 1865. In January, 1864, he veteranized in the same company and regiment. He was at Shreveport, La., Marshall and San Antonio, Eagle Pass, Texas, and down the Rio Grande to Brownville. He was honorably discharged on May 28, 1866, at Brownville, Texas, and returned to Dane County, Wis. He was married in that county in March, 1868, to Miss Emma Stephens, a native of New York, but who was reared in Dane County, Wis., and the daughter of Leander and Julia (Rose) Stephens, natives of New York. Mr. Stephens was a farmer, and settled in Dane County in 1855, where he took up good land. In connection with agricultural pursuits he was also engaged in milling. He is still living and resides in Dane County, Wis. The mother died in that county in June, 1886. Mr. Marsh cultivated the soil in Wisconsin until 1877; then he emigrated to Nebraska. He bought a partly improved farm of 160 acres, has good buildings, etc., and is one of

the foremost farmers in the county. He is a Republican in politics, and was town assessor in 1884. He was a member of the school board for about eight years, and is interested in all educational matters. Socially he is a member of A. J. Smith Post No. 65, G. A. R., Doniphan, Neb., has been commander and is now quartermaster. To his marriage have been born the following children: Edward L., Flora, A., Sarah E., Adelbert and Chaney.

Henry N. Martin, farmer and stock-raiser, Doniphan, Neb. Throughout the county, and especially over this portion of it, the name of Henry N. Martin is very well known, for, one of the oldest citizens of the community in point of settlement, he is at the same time recognized by all as one of its solid, substantial and thoroughly reliable residents. His birth occurred in Yorkshire, England in 1848, and he was the eldest son born to George and Anna (Hours) Martin, natives of the same place as their son. The father was a horse-trainer in the racing stables, and in 1850 left his native country to try his luck in the United States. He first went to Ohio, thence to Elgin, Ill., where he followed farming, and later to Fremont County, Iowa, where he tilled the soil for one year. In 1862 he moved to Nebraska and freighted from Nebraska City to Denver until August of that year, when he settled on his claim of 160 acres on Platte River. His children consisted of three sons and three daughters, although he had a stepson, John Weavers, who was in the service from 1862 to 1865, Company A, Fourth Iowa Infantry. He came to Nebraska about 1868, but now resides in Iowa. The other children were named as follows: Eliza (died in 1885), Hepizibah (now Mrs. Masterson, of Ellsworth, Ellsworth County, Kas.), H. N., Robert (married and resides in Ellsworth County, Kas.), William E. (married and resides in Hall) and Anna (now Mrs. Huffman, of Rice County, Kas.). At the time of Mr. Martin's settlement in Hall County Indians were plenty, and in 1863 they began their depredations. In 1864 they made an attack on the south side of Platte River. Mr. Martin and his sons, Henry N. and Robert, were hauling hay and were about three miles from home. Mr. Mar-

tin was on the first load, had a six-shooting rifle and being first attacked could do but little on account of being on the hay. He was wounded severely. The spy on the bluff then pointed out the boys, who were following on the second load of hay drawn by a yoke of oxen, with a horse in the lead behind the load. When the attack was made on the boys they unhitched and turned the oxen loose, and our subject put his brother, Robert, on the horse and then got on behind. They then started for the house, which was their only refuge, there being no other settlers near, and when about a quarter of a mile from the house the Indians closed up on them. Our subject received an arrow between the shoulder blade and back bone, which came out on the right side of the breast and penetrated his brother. He then received an arrow shot in the right arm, and his brother, Robert, was shot in the hip and thigh. They rode until our subject became dizzy, fainted and fell from the horse which also becoming tangled in the lines came to the ground. The Indians struck Robert and finding that he did not move supposed both were dead, and spoke of scalping them but changed their minds and said "Pappoose's scalp no good." Finally they left. When the arrow was drawn from Henry's arm he fainted and did not come to himself until *en route* with the family for York, they having immediately started for that place. He refused to go farther and after remaining there one week returned to the ranch, driving a team back. Inside of two weeks he was again at work. Robert has the arrow still stained with their blood, that penetrated his brother and himself. The father remained in the county until his death which occurred in 1884, and the mother died the same year. In 1864 Henry N. Martin was again attacked by Indians, or rather they attacked up and down the Platte River and stole two horses and a pony from our subject's father, after which they went to the latter's son-in-law's house, took a horse and cleared the ranch of everything. However no lives were lost. Again in 1865 they made a raid along the Platte River, took two girls, eighteen and nineteen years of age, and two twin boys four years of age belonging to Peter Campbell. They then shot

Mrs. Owens, who was watching the course they were taking, while she was standing at the door with a baby in her arms. When found in the evening the baby was playing in her blood. This child was cared for by A. Graham and grew to manhood. In 1866 the savages made a raid along the Platte River and attacked the home of Mrs. Wall and Flemming Maloney, bright and early one Monday morning, but with poor result. They stole two horses but one escaped from them and the father of our subject re-captured it. This was the last of the Indian attacks. Henry N. Martin received his education in Hall County, Neb., and began farming for himself where he now resides. He now has 1,200 acres of land in a good state of cultivation and some in pasturage. He has two good barns and is engaged in raising Durham cattle, Poland-China hogs, and a good stock of horses. He feeds about eighty to eighty-five head of cattle yearly. He is not active in politics but votes with the Republican party. His marriage occurred in Hall County, Neb., in 1873, to Miss Lititia Donald, a native of Jacksonville, Morgan County, Ill., who died in Hall County on January 3, 1877, leaving two children as a memento of this marriage: Arthur and Viola. Mr. Martin's second marriage occurred on January 2, 1879, in Jacksonville, Morgan County, Ill., to Miss Sarah M. Donald, a native of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are Baptists in their belief. Mr. Martin has been a member of the school board and moderator since 1873. He is one of the first settlers of the county or State south of the Platte, and has seen the complete growth of the country. Socially he is a member of Doniphan Lodge No. 86, A. F. & A. M.

Thomas P. Matthews, confectioner of Grand Island, Neb., was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., August 1, 1868, being a son of John A. and Agnes (Connelly) Matthews, the former a native of Brooklyn and the latter of Ireland. She was brought by her parents to America when five years old and was here reared to womanhood. In 1870 she and her husband, Mr. Matthews, emigrated from Brooklyn to the State of Nebraska, and first located in Cummings County, but after residing on a farm there

for one year they removed to Lincoln County, Neb., and here the father gave his attention to railroad ing for four years. In 1876 they came to Hall County, and after making their home in Schauppsville until 1880 they removed to Grand Island and here still reside. The father is now in the employ of the Union Pacific Railway. When twelve years of age the subject of this sketch entered the employ of S. N. Wolbach, of Grand Island, and clerked in his clothing establishment for a period of nine years. On May 1, 1889, he engaged in the confectionery business, to which his attention has since been given, and he is now the owner of a well-stocked establishment and is in the enjoyment of a lucrative and rapidly increasing trade. He has connected with his establishment a candy kitchen, and manufactures all his own candies. He is a young man of push and enterprise, and being agreeable and accommodating to his patrons he gives every promise of becoming a wealthy citizen. He is a member of the Catholic Church, the A. O. U. W. and the Catholic Knights of America. He is a Democrat in his political views.

John Maughan was born in County Mayo, Ireland, January 25, 1856, being a son of Patrick and Ellen (Flynn) Maughan, who were also born in the "Emerald Isle" in 1833 and 1835, respectively. After their marriage they emigrated to America to seek their fortune, and after a ten-weeks' ocean voyage they landed in New York City, and, after making their home in York State for eight years they went to Pennsylvania, and are now residing on a farm. John Maughan received a good common school education in his youth, and after assisting his father on the home farm until 1881 he came to Wood River, Neb., and after tending bar for a short time opened a retail liquor establishment in 1885, and has been in that business ever since, his house being quiet and orderly. He is a member of the Building and Loan Association of Wood River, and is the owner of some good business buildings and a comfortable residence in the town. On June 12, 1888, he was united in marriage in the Wood River St. Mary's Catholic Church by Father Lynch to Miss Katie Brett, who was born in the State of Nebraska in 1865. They have one

child, John P. The paternal grandfather, Edward Maughan, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and there followed the occupation of farming.

Henry J. Mayer is a skillful marble and stone cutter, of Grand Island, and ever since his residence here, June, 1884, he has identified himself with nearly every enterprise of note. He was born in Burlington, Iowa, January 26, 1858, being the son of Michael and Catherine Mayer, who were born, reared and married in Germany, and emigrated to the United States in 1857, locating in Burlington, Iowa, where the father followed the trade of a stone-cutter until 1860, at which time he moved with his family to Nauvoo, Ill., where they made their home until 1877. Henry J. Mayer, at the age of nine years, began working for a farmer near Nauvoo, receiving \$5 per month for his services. As his first wages he accepted two pigs from the farmer at \$7.50, and these he carried home in his pockets. He remained with him two years, and in time had his wages increased to \$8 per month. From eleven to fourteen years of age he remained at home, his time being spent in attending school, working in a vineyard and learning the stone-cutter's trade of his father. At the end of this time he began learning marble cutting with George W. Rose, of Sonora, Ill., with whom he remained five years. He then went to Waco, Tex., to which place his parents also removed shortly after and are there still residing. Being unable to secure employment at his trade in that vicinity, he began working on the Houston & Texas Central Railway and acted in the capacity of bridge carpenter for nineteen months. In 1859 he gave up this employment and went to Leadville, Colo., being lured thither by the silver excitement. He remained there for nearly four years, engaged in prospecting, and during this time he met with many interesting and exciting adventures. In August, 1882, he returned to Sonora, Ill., and for about one year worked at his trade in the shop of his old employer, Mr. Rose. In the fall of 1883 he again went to Waco, Tex., and during the winter which followed he secured employment at his calling. Since the month of June, 1884, he has been a resident of Grand Island, and his entire

attention has been given to his trade, and here he has built up an enviable reputation as a first-class workman, and a reliable, upright man of business. In 1885 he engaged in business for himself, and is now one of the leading marble and stone-cutters in this part of the State. He is an agreeable and sociable gentleman, and has made many warm friends since locating here.

August Mieth. The principal events of Mr. Mieth's life might be separated into three divisions or periods: From his birth until his marriage, from that time until his removal to the State of Nebraska, and the last, from that date to the present time, and doubtless all would be willing to concede that the last period has been by far the most enjoyable, as he himself would admit. Although he learned the blacksmith's trade in his youth, nature seems to have intended him for a farmer, and to day he is the owner of a landed estate numbering 320 acres, all well improved with a good bearing orchard and excellent buildings. He is also the owner of two other farms—one comprising 160 acres, and the other 120 acres, near his home farm, and both places are improved with buildings, etc. He first purchased 161 acres, then as his means would permit made other purchases, and is now one of the extensive real-estate holders of the county. He was born in Prussia, Germany, April 5, 1829, and is a son of Christian and Anna Mieth, who died in their native land. August received a fair education in his native language, and after serving a four-years' apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade, he came to America and located first at Falls Village, Conn., but afterward went to Buffalo, and from there to Chicago in 1855, and in this city followed his trade for about fifteen years. He then located in Burlington, Ill., and in connection with his trade was engaged in farming until 1880, at which time he moved to Hall County, Neb., and purchased his property as above stated. He was married in Prussia, but his wife died in Chicago, and afterward married in that city in 1860, Mary Pingel, a native German, but he was called upon to mourn the death of this wife also, her demise occurring in Burlington, Ill., in 1872. Five children were born

to his last union: August (married, and residing on one of his father's farms), Emma (wife of John Ruhsen, of Venango, Neb.), Fred E., Bertha and Ida (the last three at home with their father).

C. W. Mercer is the editor and proprietor of the Wood River Gazette, and through its columns wields a potent influence in the public affairs of Hall County. Although a man young in years he is intelligent and enterprising, and has gained the esteem and approbation of all who know him. His paper commands a good patronage, and some useful and interesting information can always be gleaned from its columns. He was born in Ohio in 1861, and is a son of V. T. and N. R. (Wagner) Mercer, natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and Ohio. The father was a soldier in the Federal army during the Rebellion, and in 1871 removed with his family to Nebraska, and is now engaged in farming near Gibbon. He is a member of the Odd-Fellows' fraternity. C. W. Mercer is the eldest of their five children, and since nine years old has resided in Nebraska. His early youth was spent in following the plow and attending school, but in March, 1882, he dropped farm work to enter the printing office of the Beacon, of Gibbon, and there served his apprenticeship as a printer. In 1884 he came to Wood River and went to work on the Wood River Gazette, and remained in the office until the death of the former proprietor, and in July, 1889, purchased the establishment, and as above stated has conducted the paper successfully. Its editorial policy has been directed by a man of sound judgment, and its reputation as a representative journal of this portion of the State is well established. Mr. Mercer is unmarried.

I. L. Meseraull, grain buyer and farmer, Doniphan, Neb. In writing of Doniphan its interests would be incomplete did we not mention Mr. Meseraull, who is one of the foremost business men of the place. He first located in Hall County in 1871, on the bank of Prairie Creek, Section 22, where he homesteaded 160 acres of land, and this he sold in 1877. In 1884 he erected a good elevator at Doniphan and engaged in the grain business the following year. He owes his nativity to Oakland County, Mich., where his birth occurred in 1845, and is the

son of Peter B. and Rachel (Drake) Meseraull, natives of New Jersey. At an early day the parents settled in Oakland County, Mich. (1828), and followed farming in that State until the death of the father, which occurred in 1865. The mother died in 1859. I. L. Meseraull was early taught the duties of farm life and received his education in the schools of Michigan. He was married in Lapeer County, of that State, in 1865, to Miss Frances Smith, a native of Michigan, and the daughter of Orlando and Mary E. (Fuller) Smith, natives of Connecticut. The father is deceased, but the mother is now living. Mr. Meseraull lost his wife in Nebraska in 1876. Two children were born to this union: Samuel I. (in Doniphan) and John F. (in Michigan.) At the breaking out of the war, in 1861, Mr. Meseraull enlisted in Oakland County, Mich., for three years, in Company I, Tenth Michigan Infantry, and was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, under Gen. Thomas. He was in the battles of Farmington, Corinth, Iuka, Missionary Ridge, Stone River, Buzzards' Roost, Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Chattahoochee River, Peach Tree Creek, Sandtown, Jonesboro, and on to Savannah. He established the first picket placed on the Augusta road, at the siege of Savannah, and was in the battles of Black River, Bentonville and Raleigh. He was at the grand review in Washington, D. C., and was discharged at Jackson, Mich., in June, 1865. He was married in Hall County, Neb., in 1878, to Miss Esther L. Fry, a native of Indiana, and a daughter of Charles Fry. Miss Fry was married previous to her marriage to Mr. Meseraull. To her marriage there were born two children: Ella and Edward. Her father enlisted in the Union army in Indiana, and was killed while in service. The mother and children and grandfather emigrated to Hall County, Neb., in 1862, and settled near Wood River. The grandfather, Capt. Joseph Smith, was in the Mexican War. He preceded his daughter westward some two years, and in 1861 was killed by the Sioux Indians, as were also two uncles. The mother still resides in this county, and is the wife of Mr. Daniel Baker, of Alda Township. Mr. Meseraull moved to Grand Island in 1868,

and there remained until coming to Doniphan in 1887. He purchased a good farm of eighty acres, erected a good residence, substantial outbuildings, etc., and has a very nice place. He is a member of Doniphan Lodge No. 186, A. F. & A. M., and was also a member of the G. A. R. He has been a member of the school board in his district. To his marriage were born the following children: Morris, Blaine, Francis, Claude, Maria and Katie.

Dr. Howard C. Miller. Among the inventions of the nineteenth century, none are of more importance than those that pertain to dentistry, and among its most able practitioners may be mentioned Dr. Miller, who by the superior class of his work, his reasonable prices and his genial manner, has won a very large patronage. He was born in Lewis County, N. Y., January 15, 1859, and is a son of Isaac S. and Sarah A. (Stone) Miller, who were born and are now living in the "Empire State." Dr. Miller attended school at Rome, N. Y., and in 1879 began the study of dentistry at Camden, N. Y., in the office of Dr. A. T. Van, and continued to pursue his investigations in this science in the office of Dr. G. W. Wertz, of Omaha, Neb., having come here in 1879. He remained in the city of Omaha until his removal to Grand Island, October 1, 1881, and here has since practiced his profession with the most flattering results. He has thoroughly prepared himself for this calling, and is the oldest dentist in Hall County, in point of years of continued practice, and May 20, 1888, his ability was recognized by his being elected president of the Nebraska State Dental Society. In his political views the Doctor is a Republican, and socially belongs to the K. of P., being a charter member of Nysian Lodge No. 46, and is also a member of the A. O. U. W. He was married November 9, 1881, to Miss Ida V. Wickwire, who was born in Stephenson County, Ill., in 1860, and by her has two sons: Guy T. and Ralph I.

W. W. Mitchell is a prosperous general merchant of Hall County, located at Wood River, and by his excellent management and good commercial ability has built up a commendable business. He was born in the "Buckeye State" in 1846, and

in that State made his home and received his education until 1860, when he went to Michigan and was engaged in lumbering in the central and western portions until 1864, when he joined the Federal Navy and served on a gun-boat up and down the Mississippi River. Upon the close of the war he returned to Michigan and remained in the lumber business until 1871, when he came to Nebraska and settled on a soldier's homestead in Hall County, near Alda. In 1873 he opened a general mercantile establishment on a small scale, and also bought grain and sold farming implements. He did well and still owns a grain house there. He bought the elevator in Wood River before moving to the town, which is the only steam elevator, and he now ships from one to five car loads of grain per day. He recently completed a fine brick store building, at a cost of \$4,000, and has a stock of general merchandise valued at \$10,000. As a man of business his fame is co-extensive with the surrounding country, and every step of his financial and commercial career has been illustrated with acts of liberality. His success has been remarkable, and the confidence the people have in him in all respects is well deserved. He was for some time one of the county commissioners, is now vice-president of the board of the Building and Loan Association, and belongs to the town council. Socially he is a member of the A. O. U. W., the I. O. O. F., and he is a stockholder and director of the Wood River Bank. Politically he is a Republican. He was married in Michigan to Miss C. Morrison, by whom he has seven children. His parents, Adam and Elizabeth (Crumbaker) Mitchell, were born in Ohio, and were farmers by occupation. The Mitchells are of Irish descent, and were among the earliest settlers of Virginia.

James W. Modesitt is the postmaster and a successful general merchant at Alda, Hall County, Neb. He was born near Indianola, Iowa, September 6, 1860, being a son of James and Nancy (Judy) Modesitt, natives, respectively, of Indiana and Illinois. The father was married twice, his first union taking place in Indiana, and his second, to Miss Judy, in Illinois. He died in Iowa in 1861, and his widow afterward moved to Illinois and lo-

cated in Tazewell County, where she still resides. James W. Modesitt was reared to manhood and received a good common-school education in Illinois, and up to 1886 was engaged in farming. He came to Nebraska in 1884, and after following the plow for two years and clerking for about two years longer, he opened his present establishment, and has since been doing well. His stock of goods is well selected and fairly large, and as he sells at reasonable rates he commands a large and lucrative trade. He was appointed postmaster of Alda by President Harrison in May, 1889, and has since discharged the duties of this position in a very efficient manner. January 16, 1889, he was married to Miss Orilla Fleisher, a daughter of John Fleisher, of Hall County, in which county Mrs. Modesitt was reared to womanhood. Mr. Modesitt belongs to the A. O. U. W., and has held a number of official positions in his lodge.

Peter Mohr, farmer and stockman, was born in Holstein, Germany, in 1833, and is a son of Peter and Lucy (Mein) Mohr, also natives of that province, the father a farmer by occupation, who made his home in his native land until his death, which occurred in 1836. His excellent wife survived him until 1868, when she, too, passed away. Peter Mohr, the immediate subject of this sketch, was reared to a farm life in his native land, and obtained a fair education in the schools of that country. Upon reaching a proper age he entered the German army, but only served a short time, and after purchasing his discharge set sail from Hamburg March 17, 1869, for the United States, and landed at Hoboken, N. J., and came direct to Grand Island. After working as a farm hand for one year he rented land, and in 1882 settled on his present property, which embraces 160 acres. He soon set out a good orchard, and in addition to his farm work he is now engaged in feeding fifty head of cattle yearly. He was one of the first settlers of Prairie Creek Township, and has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of his adopted State and county. He was married in Hall County, in 1882, to Mrs. Wilhelmina (Hasenger) Kinkle. She was born in Germany, and after coming to the United States was married to Dr. Kinkle and moved

to Grand Island, Neb., where the latter died in 1880. By the Doctor she became the mother of two children: Wilhelm and Oillie. Her union with Mr. Mohr has resulted in the birth of a son, Carl P. Mr. Mohr votes with the Democratic party and was the first supervisor in his township, and has been a member of his district school board for twelve years.

Orrin D. Montgomery is engaged in tilling one of the neatest and most fertile farms in the county, it comprising 400 acres of land. He was born in Saybrook, Ashtabula County, Ohio, in 1830, being a son of Robert and Charlotte (Gillet) Montgomery, the former of whom was born in the Black River country, New York, and died in Ashtabula County, Ohio, in 1850, aged seventy-two years. The paternal grandfather was born in Ireland, and at an early day emigrated to Scotland. The maternal grandfather was born in Scotland. Mr. Montgomery is proud of his Scotch blood, and with the characteristics of his race worships Scotland's national bard, Burns. The subject of this sketch was reared in Wisconsin, and was married in Michigan, October 28, 1855, to Miss Louisa A. Larrabee, the result of this union being five children, of whom four are living: Arthur, Homer, Josephine and Ada. After having traveled around for some time Mr. Montgomery was at length attracted by the apparent possibilities of Nebraska, and considering the land fertile as well as beautiful, and believing that his industry would receive a rich reward, he settled in Hall County in 1865, and the result of his labors has proved his judgment to be correct. His means were very limited on locating here, but he was blessed with good health, energy and strength, and is now one of the prosperous men of the county. Mr. Montgomery was called upon to mourn the death of his wife February 15, 1887, she having been a true helpmate to him and a most devoted wife and mother.

Patrick Moore, a prominent pioneer of Hall County, Neb., was the first settler on Wood River. He was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1835, and until the year 1847 was an attendant of the national schools, but at that date was brought to American shores by his parents, and in time be-

came a settler of the State of Illinois. He was soon placed in the Academy at Joliet, where his advantages were improved to the utmost, and upon leaving that institution he became one of the popular and successful local educators of Will County. After a residence of about one year in the State of Iowa he came to Omaha, Neb., and in the spring of 1859 settled in Hall County, having previously pre-empted a claim, and during his early residence passed through the various experiences of the pioneer settler. The county was very sparsely settled until after the completion of the Union Pacific Railroad in 1868, and the families of the settlers very often had narrow escapes from death from marauding bands of Sioux Indians. In February, 1862, a man by the name of Smith, his two sons, a neighbor's son, all neighbors and friends of Mr. Moore, were slain during one of the attacks. This caused great alarm to the remaining settlers, and for many nights afterward they would assemble at some one house and keep guard throughout the night. By 1864 many of the settlers had returned to their former homes, but Mr. Moore, with the perseverance and determination which have ever characterized his efforts, determined to "hold the fort," and is now enjoying the fruits of his early years of anxiety and toil. He is the owner of a fine tract of land comprising 320 acres, well improved and every acre of which is tillable. His career is well worthy the emulation of the rising generation, for to the pluck and intrepidity of just such men the present admirable state of civilization is due. He is a man of more than ordinary intelligence, and his business capabilities are of a high order. He is a Republican in his political views, a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and is now vice-president of and a heavy stockholder in the First National Bank of Wood River. His parents were Patrick and Anastasia (Collins) Moore, and the former died on the voyage to America. His wife and a daughter died of typhoid fever soon after landing.

Charles A. Moore was born in North Bend, Mahoning County, Ohio, in 1839, a son of James and Margaret (Finley) Moore, the former of whom was also born in that county, a farmer by occupa-

tion and a soldier in the Mexican War. His father, James Moore, was a native of Ireland, a farmer and gardener, and upon coming to the United States settled first in New York State and then in Mahoning County, Ohio. The wife of James Moore was a daughter of John Finley, also a native of Ireland. James Moore removed to Portage County, Ohio, with his family, at an early day, and here Charles A. Moore grew up. When fifteen years of age he and a brother, James A., left their parents' roof and went to Chicago, in which city they had their home for about two years, being engaged in shipping horses. They next went to Pike's Peak, where they were engaged in the stage business for a few years, but in 1863-64 they resided on a ranch on the Overland Stage Line, the place being known as Moore's Rancho. They were actively engaged in the stock business until 1868, when they abandoned their ranch and Charles A. Moore settled in Sidney, Neb., with the interests of which place he was identified for some years, coming to Grand Island in 1890. He was married in Freeport, Ill., in 1871, to Miss Mary A. Tarbox, she being born in that place, a daughter of Horace and Mary (Van Pelt) Tarbox, natives of York State. Mr. Moore and his family worship in the Presbyterian Church, and he and wife have an interesting family of two sons and one daughter: Horace G., Washington C. and Gracie. While a resident of Cheyenne County, Neb., Mr. Moore served for one term as county commissioner, the duties of which position he discharged in a very efficient manner.

John Moore is a successful farmer of Hall County, Neb., and since the year 1880 has been engaged in tilling the soil on his own responsibility, and is the owner of 160 acres of excellent farming land in Hall County, his original purchase being eighty acres. The year 1889 he tilled 130 acres of corn, and as his farm is conducted in a very thorough manner he is compelled to employ assistance throughout the year. He is a son of Anthony and Mary (Collins) Moore, and was born in Iowa City, Iowa, in 1857, but with his parents was among the early settlers of Hall County, Neb. In this county he received a thorough common-

school education, and he is now considered a young man of far more than average intelligence, and has proved to be a valuable citizen in the community in which he resides, especially in connection with the farming interests. He has always supported the Democratic party and has served two terms as a member of the board of county commissioners. His worthy wife, before her marriage, which took place in January, 1880, was a Miss Mary A. Ryan, a native of Wisconsin, born in 1858, her parents being among those who early sought a home in Hall County, Neb., coming here in 1871. This young couple have had a family of four children born to them: Annie, Johnie, Mamie and Willie. Mamie died when about eleven months old. Mr. Moore resided with his parents until his marriage. He and wife are consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Charles Moritz is a German by birth, and this fact alone is enough to assure one that he is upright in all his dealings, thrifty, industrious, and consequently successful. He has been a resident of Nebraska since 1878, and his farm, which comprises 280 acres of fine land, nicely improved, is admirably adapted to the raising of all the cereals, as well as to the propagation of fine stock, to which Mr. Moritz gives a great deal of his time and attention. Since locating here he has proved a valuable citizen in the community, especially in the direction of fine stock interests, and on his farm is an exceptionally fine lot of Holstein-Friesian cattle and Poland-China swine. At the early age of thirteen years he bade adieu to home and friends and for six years followed the sea, after which he came to America and engaged in tilling the soil, an occupation to which he has since successfully given his attention. He has always taken an active interest in the political affairs of his adopted country, more especially of Nebraska and Hall County, and has supported the men and measures of the Republican party, serving in a number of local positions. He was married, in 1885, to Miss Lena Jost, whose place of birth was Germany, where she was born in 1863, and their union has been blessed in the birth of two bright little children: Martha and Otto F. Mrs. Moritz is a daughter

of Valentine and Sophia (Hartenbach) Jost, who were born in Germany in 1830 and 1835, respectively. Mr. Moritz's parents, Carl and Mary (Stahlhut) Moritz, were born in 1827 and 1830, respectively, and in 1885 they emigrated to the United States, settling in the State of Nebraska, and are at present living near their son, Charles.

Joseph H. Mullin, book-seller and paper dealer, Grand Island, was born in Des Moines County, Iowa, February 24, 1851. His father, Bernard Mullin, is a native of Adams County, Ohio, and his paternal grandfather, Thomas Mullin, was born in Pennsylvania, and is of Irish-American stock. His mother, Mary (Brennan) Mullin, is a native of West Meath, Ireland, whence she came to America with her parents, Thomas and Bridget Brennan, when sixteen years of age. Joseph H. Mullin is one of a family of four sons and two daughters. He grew to manhood in Iowa, where he received the advantages of an academical education. He took a course in the law school of the State University of Iowa, from which institution he graduated in 1876, and was admitted to practice in the courts of the State. In the same year he opened a law office at Iowa City, but was not long in discovering that, while he enjoyed the study, the practice of law was not to his taste. Early in the spring of 1879 he came to Nebraska and established the business which he conducts at the present time. He was married here, October 15, 1884, to Miss Alice E. Hooper, a native of the State, and a daughter of Hon. Edward Hooper [see sketch]. They have two sons: Bernard Edward (born September 26, 1885) and Wilfrid Cecil (born August 18, 1887). Mr. Mullin and family are members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, of which he is one of the trustees. He is a stockholder in the Grand Island Improvement Company, and is well and favorably known in Hall County. In the spring of 1889 he was elected police judge of the city, which office he holds at present.

Hon. Michael Murphy is the efficient postmaster of Grand Island, Neb., and is a member of the board of supervisors of Hall County. He was born in Mayglass, County Wexford, Ireland, March 15, 1835, and is a son of James and Ellen (Howland)

Murphy, the former of whom was a carpenter and builder by trade. He and wife reared a family of four sons, all of whom found homes in America. Michael Murphy came to America with his uncle, William Howland, and settled with him near Galena, Ill., where he remained until fifteen years of age, having by that time completed his schooling and worked for some time at the printer's trade. He first started out in life for himself as a printer in Lafayette, Ind., but afterward went to La Porte, Ind., where he learned photography. This occupation he followed in Maquoketa, Iowa, whither he went in 1855, but after spending about a year in St. Louis during war times, he returned to Maquoketa, and engaged in merchandising there five or six years. In 1870 he removed to Nebraska, and first took up his abode in Dixon County, but after a year or two of farming he gave up this occupation, returned to his camera, and in 1875 moved to Plattsmouth, where he opened a photograph gallery, and remained until 1877. He had in the meantime paid Grand Island a visit on two different occasions, and liking the city, he chose it as his future home, and accordingly moved here in 1877, and again opened a gallery, which he has since successfully managed. While a resident of Maquoketa, Iowa, he was married to Miss Eliza Humphrey, who was born near Buffalo, Erie County, N. Y., a daughter of Arthur King Humphrey, by his marriage to a Miss Orcutt. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy have a son and daughter: Eva (a teacher in the public schools of Grand Island, an intelligent and estimable young lady) and Earl (a lad of eleven years). Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are members of the Episcopal Church. He is a Scottish Rite Mason, a K. of H., and belongs to the Grand Island Improvement Company. He has served as mayor of the town on two different occasions, and has been a member of the school board four years.

A. C. Murphy, hardware merchant, Wood River, Neb. Prominent among the successful business men of Wood River stands the name of the above mentioned gentleman, who owes his nativity to Hampstead, Va., where his birth occurred October 13, 1850. In April, 1857, he came with his par-

ents, Pendleton and Eva (Cline) Murphy, to Coles County, Ill., and thence to Douglas County, of the same State, where he grew to manhood and received the rudiments of an education. He was thrown on his own responsibility at an early age, and farmed in Illinois until 1884. He owned about 300 acres of land, and was engaged in raising stock, grain, etc. In 1885 he sold his farm, and emigrated to Nebraska, where, in September, 1887, he located in Wood River, and has since been engaged in the hardware business, with a stock valued at \$5,000, and with annual sales that equal about \$20,000. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank, and is one of the substantial men of the county. He is a member of Lodge No. 22, I. O. O. F., of Grand Island. His parents were both natives of Virginia, and the father died in Illinois at the age of sixty-five years. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom are now living. A. C. Murphy is a fine specimen of physical manhood, standing six feet in his stockings, and proportioned accordingly. He is a typical Virginian, and is the truest of friends, but an enemy to be dreaded.

John Myers, farmer and stock-raiser, Wood River, Neb. Among the residents of this township who are accorded a worthy place in the respect of its citizens is John Myers, originally from Butler County, Pa., where his birth occurred in 1828, he being the son of John and M. (Sticale) Myers, natives also of the Keystone State. There he was left motherless at the age of two years, and two years later his father married Miss Hannah Morrison, also a native of Pennsylvania. John Myers, Jr., began fighting life's battles for himself when but fifteen years of age, and in 1846 came to Hancock County, Ill., where he remained two years. After that he removed to Calhoun County, where in 1853 he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Frances Turner, of Calhoun County, Ill., and the fruits of this union were seven children, two of whom died in infancy, and one, Nancy A., when over two years old; four are still living: William W., Sarilda, Edward N. and Bertie O. Mr. Myers came west in 1869, settled in Washington County, Neb., and there

remained until the spring of 1874, when he came to Hall County, Neb. He was three times eaten out by grasshoppers, but was not discouraged, and is to-day one of the substantial farmers of the county. Aside from this his house with all its contents was destroyed by fire in 1886, but he has since rebuilt, has good outbuildings, etc., and a No. 1 farm of 320 acres, every acre of which is tillable. He has good stock, fine groves, and has only to dig about eighteen feet to get abundance of water. He has twenty-five acres of timothy and clover which is doing finely. He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance, and in his political views affiliates with the Democratic party.

Lafayette Myers, Grand Island, Neb. Since locating in Grand Island in 1876 Mr. Myers has identified himself with every interest of the place, and is now considered one of its leading business men. He was born in Hughsonville, Dutchess County, N. Y., June 26, 1844, and is a son of Abraham and Lucretia (Brinkerhoff) Myers, who were also natives of the "Empire State." The father was a passenger on the first vessel leaving New York City in 1849 for the California gold fields, but died while crossing the Isthmus of Panama the same year, at the age of thirty-eight years. He had been a merchant in good standing in the above-named city. His wife was born in 1815 and died in 1873. Lafayette Myers is the fourth of their six children, and was educated in the ward schools of New York City. He then was indentured, served his time and received from the Governor of New York by consent of the Senate his full branch papers as pilot of the port of New York by the way of Hell Gate. In the spring of 1876 he came to Grand Island, Neb., and was here actively engaged in the coal and ice business, but on March 31, 1887, being a Democrat, he was appointed to the position of postmaster of Grand Island and entered on his duties May 1, receiving his appointment from President Cleveland. As an official he was efficient and popular, but conscientiously believing that "to the victor belong the spoils," on December 1, 1889, cheerfully resigned the position in favor of his successor. He was married in Washington, D. C., in August,

1874, to Miss Fannie A. Campbell, who was born in New York City in 1849, and by her has a family of four children: Lafayette, Elsie, Bessie and Emma. Mr. Myers was made a Mason when about twenty-one years of age.

Thomas A. Oakes is alderman from the Fourth Ward of Grand Island, Neb., and his name is identified with the material and social happiness of Hall County. He was born in Baltimore, Md., March 20, 1849, and is a son of James and Mary (Nugent) Oakes, worthy people who were born in Derry, Ireland, and emigrated to the United States in early life. The father was a coppersmith by trade and for many years worked in the car shops of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company at Baltimore. He died in 1865 at the age of forty-seven years, and his worthy wife followed him to the grave some two years later. The youth and early manhood of Thomas A. Oakes were spent in his native city, and there he learned the painter's trade, and after reaching his twenty-first year he left home and worked at his trade in different parts of the United States for several years, being principally engaged throughout the West. In 1881 he settled at St. Paul, in Howard County, Neb., with the interests of which place he was identified until 1885, when he came to Grand Island and began working in the Union Pacific car shops, which has been his principal occupation ever since. He is a steady, painstaking workman, and as a citizen commands the respect of all who know him. He is a member of the K. of L., and is now serving his first term as alderman for his ward. He was married in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Miss Annie A. Cosgrove, by whom he has a son and daughter: Walter C. and May H. Mr. Oakes and his wife are regular communicants in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

D. O'Kane. The mercantile interests of Hall County, Neb., have been ably represented since March, 1880, by Mr. O'Kane, who has also been successfully engaged in grain-dealing. Upon first locating in the county, in January, 1880, he was the ticket agent at Alda for the Union Pacific Railroad, and held this position until he established his present business. He was born in Ogle County,

Ill., in 1855, and was the fourth of nine children born to Joseph and Mary (Davy) O'Kane, natives, respectively, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Ireland, their union taking place in the State of Indiana. Soon after this event they settled in Illinois, and here the father was engaged in farming until 1874, when he moved to Nebraska, where he resided until his death in January, 1887, his wife dying in December, 1889. D. O'Kane received the advantages of the common schools of Ogle County in his boyhood, but in 1874 left his parents' home and settled in Dawson County, Neb., where he carried on stock-raising for some time. He then took up the study of telegraphy at Willow Island, and about 1876 became an operator and entered the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad, and during a service of thirteen years he only lost about five weeks. He has been engaged in general merchandising for a number of years, and as he carries a large and varied assortment of goods which he sells at very reasonable rates, he has obtained a large share of public patronage. He was married in Alda in January, 1882, to Miss Anna Mitchell, a native of Michigan and a daughter of Thomas Mitchell, who came to Nebraska in 1870. He is now a widower and makes his home with Mr. O'Kane. To the union above mentioned two interesting children have been born: Mabel and Josie. Mr. O'Kane casts his vote with the Democratic party, and has served as justice of the peace of Alda Township, and has been a delegate to different county conventions. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., Alda Lodge No. 165, and is a wide-awake and enterprising citizen, interested in all good works.

Amajiah D. Owens. Among the people of Hall as well as surrounding counties the name that heads this sketch is by no means an unfamiliar one, for ever since locating here he has been closely connected with the progress and development of the community. His birth occurred in Wirt County, W. Va., February 27, 1847, and he was the fifth of eleven children, nine of whom are living, born to Luther and Mardulia (Lott) Owens, who were born within the limits of Old Virginia. A. D. Owens, the immediate subject of this memoir, was reared on a farm in his native county, and in 1871

accompanied the family of Joseph H. Trout from West Virginia to the city of Indianapolis, Ind., and in the fall of 1872 he came with the same family to Hall County, Neb., and made his home with them for six months. The two following years he spent in Wyoming Territory and Colorado, then returned to Nebraska, and engaged in farming in Centre Township of Hall County. On November 4, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Annie S. B., the daughter of Joseph H. and Amelia E. Trout, which family was the one Mr. Owens accompanied from West Virginia. Mrs. Owens was born in Frederick County, Md., January 30, 1856, and immediately after their marriage she and Mr. Owens settled in Grand Island, where they have since made their home. During the first few years of his residence here Mr. Owens was employed in different ways, and after working in an elevator for two years he spent two more years as clerk in a grocery store, and the following year was an employe of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Company. In December, 1885, he bought a dray line in Grand Island, and has very successfully owned and operated it ever since. His line now consists of four teams, and he is doing a prosperous business. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., the K. of L., and in his political views is a Republican. He and wife are the parents of the following children: Myrtie A., Clyde L., Byrel M. and an infant daughter unnamed. Clyde and Byrel are deceased.

Jeremiah Parker is a representative agriculturist and stockman of Hall County, Neb., and is recognized and respected as such wherever known. He was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, June 16, 1823, and is a son of David and Elizabeth (Van Aken) Parker, who were born in Boston, Mass., and Delaware County, N. Y., respectively. The former removed to York State when a young man, was married there, and in 1816 removed to Ohio and settled in Trumbull County, where he made a farm and reared his family, his death occurring there on April 20, 1839. His wife survived him until January 30, 1863, when she, too, passed away. Of a family of twelve children born to them, two sons and three daughters are now living, but

all became heads of families before their deaths. Jeremiah Parker was the youngest of his father's family, and after reaching manhood was married, in Trumbull County, Ohio, in 1843, to Miss Betsy Jane Waste, and after his marriage located on the old home place, and farmed until 1862, at which time he went to Andover, Ashtabula County. He lost his first wife in 1851, she having borne him five children: David B. (was in the Twenty-ninth Ohio Infantry, and was killed at Culpeper Court-House August 12, 1862, and was buried at Alexandria, Va.), a daughter, Maria J. (married, and died after having given birth to two children), a son, Ira C. (is married, and lives in Hall County), Leander I. (died at Alda February 13, 1886), Lovina E. (is the wife of William Lawrence, and lives in Hall County). Mr. Parker's second union also took place in Trumbull County, May 22, 1851, his wife being Miss Orpha Finlaw, a daughter of Ezra Finlaw. She was born in Pennsylvania, but reared in Ohio, and her union with Mr. Parker has resulted in the birth of six children: Jacob E. (a resident of Valley County), James P. (in Sherman County), Deborah S. (wife of P. A. Tobias, of Ashtabula County, Ohio), Marvin S. (is single and at home), Mary E. (wife of Alonzo Fowler, of Valley County, Neb.) and Nellie (at home). In 1862 Mr. Parker moved from Trumbull to Ashtabula County, Ohio, and there made his home until he came to Nebraska, April 15, 1879. He soon purchased his present property, which was then but slightly improved, and now has 169 acres of fertile land in a fair state of cultivation, on which are good buildings of all kinds. Mr. Parker is an active politician, voting the Republican ticket, and is serving as a member of the school board of his district. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for a number of years, and socially belongs to the I. O. O. F.

N. J. Parker is a dealer in coal, and commission agent for the Omaha Union Grain Company at Wood River, Neb. Like all native New Yorkers he is intelligent, enterprising and industrious, and although still a young man he has established for himself and wife a comfortable and pleasant home here. He was born in Monroe County, July 7, 1859,

and is a son of John and Mary (Anderson) Parker, who were born in County Cavin, Ireland. At the age of twenty-two he came to the United States and first settled in New York, but in 1866 removed to the State of Illinois, and there died on August 15, 1879, having been a stone and brick mason throughout life. Both parents were married prior to their union with each other, and the mother is now living in Beloit, Wis., making her home with a daughter. N. J. Parker is one of four children, and received his education and rearing in De Kalb County, Ill., but after reaching his fourteenth year he began learning the trade of a molder, and this occupation continued to receive his attention until he came to Nebraska in 1885. His present position was proffered him by his brother-in-law, P. C. Hunebaugh, and this he is very successfully filling. He owns a good residence besides two building lots in the town, and is otherwise well-fixed financially. During the year 1889 he sold over 1,100 tons of coal, making a good profit thereon. He is a Democrat in his political views. He was married in Sycamore, Ill., to Miss Carrie M. Johnson, who was born in that State November 7, 1862, their marriage taking place May 22, 1883.

James M. Parrott, farmer and stock-raiser, Doniphan, Neb. James M. Parrott was born in Wood County, Va. (now W. Va.), February 18, 1850, being the son of Abraham Parrott, a native of the Keystone State. The latter was a teacher by profession, and followed this occupation in Ohio and Virginia for many years. He was married in Ohio to our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Miss Margaret Burchard, and who was a native of the last-named State. The father died in Ohio in 1853, and in 1878 the mother emigrated to Nebraska, settled on the same section as her son, James M., and there her death occurred January 2, 1889. Their family consisted of six children: Elizabeth Ann (wife of David M. Mooney), William S. (who enlisted in 1863 in the One Hundred and Sixteenth Ohio Infantry, Company I, was in the battle of Winchester and a number of other engagements, was wounded at the battle of Cedar Creek; he came home, finally settled in Kansas, and there his death occurred in 1880), John N.

(came to Hall County, Neb., in the early part of 1880, located in this township, and made his home with his mother until his death January 31, 1889). Margaret J. (now Mrs. George C. Humphrey, of this township), James M. and Abraham C. [see sketch]. James M. Parrott's younger days were spent in Ohio, where he received his education, and in 1872 he moved to Hartford City, Ind., where he learned telegraphy, taking his first office at Royal Centre, on the Pittsburg, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad. He remained in this office for five months and then returned to Hartford City, where he remained for nearly ten years in the employ of the same company. He then came to Nebraska, farmed for one year, and then took an office as agent and operator at Silver Creek, Neb., on the Union Pacific Railroad, filling that position for two and a half years. He was then transferred to Orchard, Colo., on the Julesburg branch of the Union Pacific Railroad, and remained there another two years and a half, spending in all about fifteen years in railroading. Mr. Parrott was married in Hartford City on September 6, 1876, to Miss Orrleaffa Moler, the daughter of John E. and Margaret (Stewart) Moler, natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. Mr. Moler was a physician of Hartford City and is living at the present time. The mother died in November, 1888. Mr. Parrott has one child, Bessie May. Our subject emigrated to Hall County, Neb., in 1883, having purchased 160 acres of land in 1877, which he has been improving ever since, and which shows the care and attention that have been put upon it. He also raises a good grade of stock. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., Silver Creek Lodge No. 131, and is a charter member of the same. He is a Republican, and takes a deep interest in politics, as he does in all the current topics of the day.

A. C. Parrott, farmer and stock-raiser in Section 14, South Platte Township, homesteaded eighty acres in 1876, and located on his farm in January, 1877. He was born in Virginia in 1853, early became familiar with the details of farm life, received his education in Ohio, and when twenty-four years of age came to Hall County, Neb.,

where he engaged in farming on his present property. He erected a sod cabin in the spring of 1877, and lived in that until the fall of 1883, when he erected a good frame house, improved the place, set out an orchard and now has his farm in a good state of cultivation. He was married in Hall County, Neb., in 1879, to Miss Marion Gray, a native of Wisconsin, and the daughter of Robert and Rachel (Chambers) Gray, natives of Ogdensburg, N. Y. Mr. Gray moved to Walworth County, Wis., at an early day, and in 1878 emigrated to Hall County, Neb., settling in South Platte Township, where he purchased a partly-improved farm. He died in Hall County, March 20, 1888, but his wife is still living and makes her home in South Platte Township. Mrs. Parrott had three brothers in service during the late war. Dallas enlisted in the artillery, and was all through the war. His death occurred in Montana, in August, 1880. Bruce enlisted in 1863 in the cavalry, took cold, came home and died with the consumption. Leslie enlisted in 1863 in the infantry service, was in active duty for some time, and was coming home by way of the Atlantic when the vessel in which he took passage was lost with all on board. After his marriage Mr. Parrott settled where he now resides, has a well-improved place, likes the State, and is one of its prominent citizens. He is not active in politics, but votes with the Republican party. To his marriage were born five children: Robert, Luda, Georgia, Ora, and Johnny (who died in infancy). Mr. Parrott is the son of Abraham and Margaret (Burchard) Parrott, natives of Ohio. After their marriage the parents settled in Virginia and remained there some time, the father engaging in teaching school. His death occurred in May, 1853. The mother died in Hall County, Neb., in January, 1889. They were the parents of six children, A. C. being the youngest. One of these children, William, was in the service. He enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Sixteenth Ohio Infantry, under Gens. Hunter and Sheridan, and was in the battles of Winchester, Cedar Creek and others. He was taken prisoner, confined at Libby, Belle Isle and Castle Thunder, and was in the prisons of the South for several

months. He received a gun-shot wound at Cedar Creek. Our subject was among the pioneer settlers of Hall County, and has always taken an active interest in all that relates to the good of the community.

James Christian Pederson is the proprietor of an excellent livery and sale stable, and his establishment is well fitted up with a complete line of carriages and horses. He is popular with commercial men, for his charges are reasonable and excellent rigs are provided for transportation. He was born near Biborg, Denmark, July 7, 1856, and is a son of Soren M. and Annie Pederson, who came to America in 1869, and first settled at Oconomowoc, Wis., but soon after the Chicago fire Mr. Pederson went to that place, where he was engaged in contracting and building and mason's work, until the fall of 1873, when he came to Grand Island, Neb., and subsequently settled at Dannebrog, in Howard County, where he was one of the prime movers in the colonization of the settlement with Danish people. James Christian Pederson is the eldest of his seven children, and was reared to manhood in Grand Island. After attaining a proper age he embarked in the grocery business and successfully conducted an establishment from 1879 to 1886, after which he purchased his present livery business, which is one of the best of the kind in the county. He was married here to Miss Jennie Morgan, who was born in Pennsylvania but reared in Nebraska, she being a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Chapman) Morgan. They have three daughters: Bessie, Maysie and Gracie. Mr. and Mrs. Pederson are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to the K. of P. and the A. O. U. W. Mr. Pederson is the owner of considerable valuable property, and besides owning some town property has a good stock ranch in Custer County.

Hon. William H. Platt, an influential member of the Grand Island bar, and the present mayor of the city, was born in Rochester, N. Y., October 16, 1835, a son of William A. and Mary E. (Pierce) Platt, both of whom were born in New York City, the former September 23, 1807, and the latter October 17, 1807. Their marriage was consum-

mated September 23, 1829, in their native city, and there and in Michigan they made their home until 1872, when they located in Grand Island, Neb., and here the father passed from life in January, 1875. His widow survives him and is making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Maggie E. Conely, at Brighton, Mich. The paternal grandparents, Allison and Margaret Platt, were born in Germany and New York City, respectively, and the former was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The maternal grandfather, John Pierce, was a native of Dublin, Ireland, and was a sailor by occupation. While serving as skipper of the bark "Mary," of which he was the principal owner, he was lost at sea while on a trip from Liverpool to New York City. William H. Platt, the immediate subject of this sketch, was the third in a family of nine children, eight being sons, and he and a brother and sister are the only ones now living. William H., Nathan and John P. served in the Union army during the late war, and the last named was a member of the Sixth Michigan Cavalry, and was taken prisoner at the battle of Falling Water, and died in prison on Belle Isle. William H. Platt was taken by his parents to New York City before he was a year old, and there all his early education was obtained. He graduated from an educational institution that is now known as New York College, at the age of sixteen years, and immediately after, or in the year 1851, he went to Brighton, Mich., near which place he spent three years and helped his father clear up a farm. Returning to New York City, for a few years following he was in the employ of his cousin, James A. Van Brunt, a prominent shipping merchant of that city, and upon the breaking out of the late Civil War he became a member of the Thirteenth New York Regiment of Brooklyn. On April 19, 1861, the same day Fort Sumter was fired upon, his regiment was ordered to Annapolis, Md., thence to Baltimore, where he remained nearly four months, at which time his term of enlistment had expired. He was mustered out at Brooklyn, August 1, 1861, after which he went on a visit to his parents at Brighton, Mich., and while there, October 16, 1862, he was married to Miss Fannie E. Bidwell,

who was born near that town, a daughter of Seth Bidwell, a pioneer of Michigan. For about two years after his marriage Mr. Platt remained in the vicinity of Brighton, being engaged in teaching school. In the spring of 1864 he removed to the State of Nebraska, in which he has made his home ever since, his residence during the first two years being chiefly in Omaha, he being a civil engineer in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad, which was then in course of construction. In the fall of 1866 he removed from Omaha to Grand Island, of which place he has since been a prominent resident. From the spring of 1867 to the year 1868 he owned and conducted a drug store, and continued to be identified with that calling until 1872, but in the meantime had entered upon the practice of his profession. His ability soon became known and recognized, and in 1871 he was elected to the office of county judge, was re-elected in 1873, and served in all four years. In 1872 he was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention held at Baltimore. In the year 1877 he formed a law-partnership with George H. Thummel, and the firm of Thummel & Platt has existed ever since, being at the present time one of the ablest legal firms in the county, if not in the State. They are both well versed in legal lore, have a large clientage, are conscientious and safe in their work, and have conducted many cases to a successful issue. In the spring of 1877 Mr. Platt was elected mayor of Grand Island, and at that time served one term of two years, was elected a delegate to the National Democratic Convention to be held at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1880, and in the spring of 1887 was again elected to the office of mayor of Grand Island, and was re-elected in the spring of 1889, being actively engaged in the discharge of his duties at the present time. He has always taken an active part in educational matters, and there is no one to whom more credit is due for the present excellent condition of the city schools than he. In 1867 he, with four other gentlemen, contributed money with which the first school-house in the city was built, and he has since served as a member of the city school board for fifteen years, being for several years president of the board. By his own industry he

has accumulated a comfortable fortune, which he dispenses to the advantage of himself and his fellow-men, and being one of the earliest pioneers of the city and well known throughout Hall and surrounding counties, he commands the respect and esteem of all who know him. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, in which he attained the degree of Knight Templar. He and wife are the parents of the following family of children: Ralph, Hugh, Pierce, Blanche and Ruth. Ralph is now a student at law in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Caswell T. Poe, M. D., one of the oldest and best known physicians in the State of Nebraska, was born in Richmond, Va., March 27, 1830, being a son of William and Margaret Ann (Tippet) Poe, the former born September 2, 1786, in Richmond, and died in Illinois in February, 1867. In his youth he was a classmate of William Henry Harrison, in Hampden-Sidney College, in Virginia, and after commencing for himself he followed the occupation of wholesale merchandising, and in his political views was a stanch Henry Clay Whig. His father, who was Thomas Poe, was born near Spottsylvania Court-house, Va., in 1749, and was a son of Anson Poe, who was born in England and came to the United States in 1707, settling in Virginia on the Po River, where he lived and died. The father of Anson Poe was born in Italy on the Po River, date not known. The mother of Dr. Caswell T. Poe was born in Richmond, Va., May 21, 1807, and died in Illinois in 1872, having removed with her husband and family to Sangamon County of that State in 1845. Dr. Poe is one of four surviving members of a family of nine children, and when a young man was an attendant of Woodward College, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Knox College, Galesburg, Ill. In 1850 he began studying medicine under Dr. David Prince, of Jacksonville, one of the eminent surgeons of the West, who died at the age of seventy-four years, and afterward entered the Cincinnati Medical College, from which he was graduated March 10, 1853, and for two years remained in Cincinnati in the office of Dr. F. A. Waldo, oculist. In 1856 he attended a course of lectures in the Ohio Medical College,

then went to Morgan County, Ill., and became associated in the practice of his profession with Dr. John Simpson. In the fall of 1859 he entered the State University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and from the spring of that year until January, 1862, he was pharmacist and second assistant physician in what was then the only hospital for the insane, at Jacksonville, Ill. He remained in this State until April, 1872, when he came to Grand Island, Hall County, Neb., which place has since been his home. For nine years he was county physician of Hall County, and discharged his duties in a very efficient manner. In 1882 he received the honorary degree of M. D. from St. Joseph Medical College. He was married March 10, 1862, to Mrs. Stella Beard Ferguson, who was born in Ohio in 1834, and by her has had three children: Frederick William, Margaret Bernice and Anna Louise. His step daughter, Belle Ferguson, taught the first school in South Platte Valley Precinct, Hall County, Neb., in 1873. The Doctor is a Democrat of the old school.

William Powell has been a resident of Hall County, Neb., since 1869, and has proved to be a valuable acquisition to the community in which he resides, especially in the direction of fine stock interests. He was born in New Orleans County, N. Y., in 1824, being the eldest of seven children born to Reuben and Olive (Paine) Powell, who were also natives of the "Empire State." The father was a farmer and stockman, and in 1837 removed to Trumbull County, Ohio, where he purchased land and improved, but died in Geauga County about 1873. His wife survived him until 1885, when she, too, passed away. William Powell has always been familiar with farm duties, and has made it his occupation through life. His opportunities for obtaining a good education in the common schools of his native State were limited, and subsequently he determined to see something of life, and crossed the plains to California in 1850, taking the overland route, and for four years was engaged in mining near Nevada City, after which he returned by water to New York City, and from there overland to his native State. In 1859 he returned to California and remained

four years longer engaged in mining, then again returned to Ohio and turned his attention to farming and stock-raising, giving particular attention to the propagation of sheep. He was married in Geauga County, Ohio, in 1857, to Miss Mercy A. Hosmer, a native of that county, and a daughter of Alonzo and Asenath (Biddlecome) Hosmer, who were born in the State of New York and were early emigrants to Ohio, being engaged in farming in both States, and both are now deceased. In 1869 Mr. Powell removed to Hall County, Neb., purchased 1,000 acres of partially improved land which he fenced and turned into a stock farm, for which purpose it is admirably adapted, as it is well watered by the Wood River, along the banks of which is quite heavy timber. He is now feeding 170 head of cattle and averages from 150 to 160 head per year. He also raises an excellent grade of horses, and is the owner of a fine Hambletonian horse. He has always voted with the Republican party, and has held a number of local offices. Mr. Powell lost his excellent wife in January, 1885, she having borne him four children: Frank (who is married and resides at Gibbon, Buffalo County, Neb.), Alonzo, Reuben (who works in the First National Bank of Grand Island), and George (who is a graduate of the high school at Grand Island, and is now attending Rush Medical College, of Chicago).

James D. Purdy, a well known contractor and builder of Grand Island, Neb., was born at Harmony, in Chautauqua County, N. Y., June 14, 1840, and is a son of John and Maria (Bradner) Purdy, the former a cooper by trade, but also engaged in farming. The paternal grandfather was Silas Purdy. James D. Purdy was the third child and eldest son in a family of three sons and four daughters, and was reared to manhood in his native State, receiving there the advantages of the common schools. While he was busily employed in learning the carpenter's trade the war broke out, and he dropped his tools to take up arms in defense of the "stars and stripes," becoming a member of Company G, Forty-ninth New York Volunteer Infantry, and was on active duty for three years, participating in a number of battles.

After the war was over he spent some time at home, but in 1865 went to Michigan and for six years was a resident at Alma, where he carried on carpentering. In 1872 he located in Grand Island, Neb., and here has since been prominently identified with its building interests, and is an able and skillful mechanic. The following are some of the buildings which he has erected: Independence Building, Jamieson Block, Michelson Block, City Hall, first brick school-house, O. A. Abbott's residence, besides many other business blocks, churches and schools. He was married in Harmony, N. Y., in 1866, to Miss Rosa Carr, a daughter of Jonas Carr, and by her has had a family of three sons and three daughters: Maud, Othello, William, May, Minnie and James D., Jr. The family worship in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Purdy is a member of the G. A. R.

John Quinn, stock-shipper, Wood River, Neb. Of those persons of Irish ancestry mentioned in this volume none are more deserving of especial remark than John Quinn, a man whom Wood River will ever have cause to remember for the part he has taken in its building up and improvement. He was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, in 1838, attended the national schools of that country, and was reared to the arduous duties of the farm. When about twenty-two years of age he commenced dealing in stock, purchased in all parts of Ireland, and shipped to England and the principal markets of Ireland. He continued at this business in his native country until 1872, when he took passage for America. He located first at West Point, on the Hudson River, in the State of New York, and first worked for the Hon. Samuel Sloan and Secretary Fish. One year later he went to Newark, N. J., was employed in a mill at that place and there remained for a year and a half, when he went to Janesville, Wis., and was there engaged in lumbering and farming. He traveled quite extensively over the prairies of the North for twelve years, and then went back to Ireland, where he remained three months. Again returning to his adopted country, he went first to Janesville, Wis., but later emigrated to Nebraska and settled in Wood River, where he has been actively en-

gaged in farming and stock-shipping ever since. He is the owner of 160 acres of land and ships over a hundred car-loads of stock per year. He has never married, and is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. His parents, Miles and Eliza beth (Coolin) Quinn, are both natives of Ireland, the former born in 1762 and died in 1868, and the latter born in 1766 and died in 1887, at the age of ninety-one years. Of the nine children born to their marriage, five sons and four daughters, seven are now living, but John Quinn is the only one in America. The Quinn family were originally from the North of Ireland, but were driven out in the time of the Rebellion and settled in County Wicklow. Four of his father's cousins were priests in the Catholic Church, and one of the most noted Catholic schools in Dublin, Ireland, was under their charge at last accounts. One of them was vicar-general at Kingston, Ireland, and two of them were consecrated bishops and sent to Australia on missions. John Quinn is a powerfully built man, and in point of wit and humor is a typical Irishman. He is noted for fairness in dealing and is honest and upright.

Cyrus P. Rathbun's career has been of much benefit and influence to the people, not only of Hall County, but throughout the State, and a sketch of his life will be of more than passing interest. He is an old settler of Center Township, Hall County, Neb., and was born in Canada West January 19, 1844, and is the fourth in a family of seven children born to the marriage of Daniel Rathbun and Ruth Ryder, both natives of York State, the former's birth occurring February 24, 1812. They were married in Canada about 1838, and in 1888 celebrated their golden wedding, and both are still living, their home being in Van Buren County, Mich. The paternal grandparents were William and Irene (Niles) Rathbun, the latter a native of Connecticut, and the maternal grandparents were Roland and Rebecca (Spencer) Ryder, both natives of the "Empire State." Cyrus P. Rathbun resided on a farm in Canada West until seventeen years of age, or until 1861, when he accompanied his parents to Van Buren County, Mich., that county continuing to be his home until 1868. He

then bade adieu to his friends, and after visiting for one week in Canada, he went to New York City and took the steamer "Henry Chauncey," with the intention of going to Oregon. He crossed the Isthmus of Panama, and went from there to San Francisco on the steamer "Golden City," and from San Francisco to Portland he took passage on the steamer "Oregonian." After spending six months in this State, engaged chiefly in saw-milling, he started from Salem, Ore., to assist in driving a drove of horses to Woodland, Cal., and in the last-named place fell in with some old acquaintances, and there remained some eighteen months, engaged in farming. He then went to Sacramento and bought a ticket over the Union Pacific Road for Omaha, Neb., and from there he went to Fremont County, Iowa, and until January, 1872, was engaged chiefly in the harness business in Fremont City. Since that time he has resided in Hall County, Neb., his farm being situated about three miles west of Grand Island. He proved up on his claim in 1877, after which he went to the Black Hills, and there spent some months engaged in mining. He is a Prohibitionist politically, and socially is a member of the A. O. U. W. He and wife, whom he married April 12, 1880, and whose maiden name was Emma A. Clark, are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Rathbun was born in York State October 13, 1848, and by Mr. Rathbun has become the mother of two children: Ruth Myrtle (who died in the seventh year of her age) and John Wilbur.

Darius Richardson, farmer and poultry-raiser, Alda, Neb. It is a fact unnecessary of denial that a person is better fitted to follow the occupation with which he became familiar in early life than to engage in an undertaking learned in later years. This truth is borne out by the career of Mr. Richardson, who, from a boy, has known all the minute details of agricultural life. To this acquired knowledge may be added a natural faculty for that calling, for his father, Artemus Richardson, was also a farmer, although he also mined for a number of years in California. The latter was married to Miss Dorcas Hubbard, a native of Maine, where he also was born, and this union has resulted in the birth of

six children. The parents both died in their native State, the mother in 1854 and the father in 1886. Darius Richardson was born in Oxford County, Me., in October, 1840, was next to the youngest in the above-mentioned family, and was educated in his native county. On June 21, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Fifth Maine Infantry, for three years, and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in the battle of Bull Run, then the Peninsula campaign, Gaines' Mill, Seven-Day battle, second battle of Bull Run, Antietam, Funkstown Heights, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. In 1863 he veteranized in the same company and regiment for the service, and was in the battle of Gettysburg. He received a gun-shot wound through his leg at the battle of the Wilderness, and was confined in the hospital at York, Pa., thirteen months, and was in bed three months of that time. He also had the typhoid fever, and has had a fever sore ever since the war. He was honorably discharged at York on June 17, 1865, and returned to Maine. In 1866 he went to Ohio, and in 1868 settled in Summit County, of that State. In 1871 he moved to Howard County, Neb., settled on a farm, and engaged in the fruit industry, which he continued two years. He was married in Summit County, Ohio, in 1874, to Miss Emma A. Palmer, a native of that county and State. In 1873 Mr. Richardson located in Grand Island, clerked for about eighteen months, and then engaged in delivering goods, first in the city of Grand Island, where he remained until June, 1881, when he bought an improved farm of forty acres, and this he has since conducted with the success that attended his father's efforts in that chosen channel. He takes an active interest in politics, and votes with the Republican party. He has been justice of the peace for two years, and takes a decided interest in the temperance movement. Mrs. Richardson is a member of the Presbyterian Church. To this union have been born three living children: Clarence, Maud and Carl.

Lewis Rickard, farmer and stock-raiser, Wood River, Neb. This very successful agriculturist and stockman was born in the Empire State in 1831, and is the son of George Rickard, who was also

born in the State of New York. The father was a farmer by occupation, and in his political views was an old line Whig. He died in 1880, at the age of eighty five years. He was married to Miss Margaret Grove, a native also of New York State, and to this union were born eleven children, six sons and five daughters, all of whom lived to be grown, and only one of the sons now deceased. Lewis Rickard received a common school education, and when grown went to Wisconsin, where he followed farming for many years. He was there married in 1853 to Miss Maria A. Fellows, a native of Michigan, born in 1835, and the fruits of this union were nine children: Edward A., Martha A., Ada R. (born in 1863, and died in 1867), Melissa (wife of N. T. Knox), Tenant L., Kate, Abraham Lincoln, Leonard, Oliver G. and Mabel G. Mr. Rickard resided in Wisconsin and Illinois about ten years, and then moved to Iowa in 1859. He located in Black Hawk County, and remained there and in Buchanan County for twelve years, engaged in farming all the time. He filled the office of township trustee there for several years. He left Buchanan County in 1871, emigrated to Nebraska, and took a homestead, which he settled on one year later. He is now the owner of 200 acres of land, and is one of the substantial men of the county. He is president of the Farmers' Alliance, and in his political views affiliates with the Republican party. He was treasurer of Harrison Township for one term. Mrs. Rickard's parents, Milton and Olive Ann (Nichols) Fellows, were natives of Pennsylvania and New York, born in 1815 and 1814, respectively. The father was a soldier in the Black Hawk War, and died in 1885. The mother died in 1852. The Nichols were of Welsh and Dutch descent.

Charles Ridell has spent his life in pursuing the calling which is now receiving his attention, and his earnest endeavor coupled with strict integrity and honesty of purpose have resulted in placing him among the truly respected and honored agriculturists of Hall County. He was born in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, September 14, 1843, and is a son of Hans and Magdaline (Elmer) Ridell, both of whom were of German birth, and

were reared and married in the old country. They emigrated to the United States in 1836 and moved the following year to Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. Ridell followed his trade, that of carpenter, until his death in August, 1844, his wife's demise occurring in 1874. Charles Ridell lived in Columbus until six years of age, after which the family moved in the country, where he followed farming till manhood. He supplemented a common-school education with about one year's attendance in the academies and colleges of Delaware. On February 26, 1864, he enlisted in the Ninety-fifth Ohio Volunteers and served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge at Jackson, Miss., August 8, 1865, during his service having participated in the battle of Guntown, Miss. He was captured in this battle and was taken to that foul den, Andersonville, but five and one-half months after was paroled, sent home, remained three months and then rejoined his regiment. After the war was over he returned to Columbus, and after attending a college in Delaware, Ohio, for one term he taught school the following two winters, and then attended school until he came West in 1868. He first settled at Jacksonville, Ill., where he was watchman of the Deaf and Dumb Institute for one year, but he then came west to Nebraska and arrived at Grand Island in the fall of 1869, and has since been a resident of the county. There were not over three or four stores at Grand Island at that time, and the population consisted of about 300 souls. In the fall of 1870 Mr. Ridell entered eighty acres of land, has since added eighty acres more, and now has it all in a good state of cultivation, furnished with good buildings, fences, etc. He came here with but \$100, and is now the owner of a fine home and owes no man a dollar. He is considered one of the substantial men of the county, and beside his farm above mentioned, is the owner of some vacant lots in Fullerton, Nance County, Neb., and also two residences there. March 22, 1870, his marriage to Miss Isabel Fivey took place in Jacksonville, Ill. She was born in 1844 in County Down, Ireland, and was there reared and educated, a daughter of George and Betty Fivey. After coming to America she resided one year in Pennsyl

vania and three years in Jacksonville, Ill. She is an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church.

John Riss is a well-known grocer and pioneer citizen of Grand Island, Neb., and was born in Augsburg, Bavaria, March 27, 1842, a son of Anton and Mary Ann Riss, with whom he came to America when he was a little over five years of age. The family arrived in Milwaukee, Wis., September 18, 1847, and here the father's death occurred in 1853, the mother dying in 1858. During his youth John Riss learned the carpenter's trade, and in the State of Wisconsin continued to follow this occupation until the sounds of war caused him to enter upon the career of a soldier. With a patriotism which did not stop at the dark outlook of the future, he, on April 17, 1861, enlisted in Company H, First Wisconsin Infantry, and served four months. January 6, 1862, he joined Company H, Second Wisconsin Cavalry, with which he served three years and one month, and besides numerous skirmishes in which he participated, he was in a number of battles, among which may be mentioned Vicksburg. He was mustered out of service at Memphis, Tenn., February 8, 1865, and then returned to Milwaukee, but about two weeks later went to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he spent two years learning the harness-maker's trade with an uncle. In 1867 he came to Grand Island, arriving May 6, and from that time until 1871 he was the proprietor of a harness shop. From 1871 to 1883 he was engaged in the retail liquor business, and from the latter date until the present time he has conducted a grocery, his efforts in this direction meeting with well deserved success. He is one of the oldest settlers of Grand Island, and is well respected and highly esteemed by the inhabitants of the county, as well as by his fellow-townsmen. November 21, 1871, he was married to Miss Lena M. Schumer, who died June 24, 1883. On February 26, 1884, he took for his second wife Miss Lena M. Geisinger, and by her is the father of three children: John A., Roscoe C. P. and Joseph H. Mr. and Mrs. Riss are members of the Catholic Church. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the G. A. R., the Catholic Knights of America, the Liederkranz, the Platt-

deutsche and the Old Settlers' Societies. He also belongs to the fire department, which he has served five years, receiving his diploma.

Henry Roach, one of Hall County's (Neb.) worthy and well-to-do farmers, is a son of Henry and Mary (Donahoe) Roach, both of whom were born in the "Emerald Isle," the latter's birth occurring in County Galway. The father was a victim of that barbarous system of land tenure which in this age is known only in Ireland, and he was four times evicted. He died in the land of his nativity, in 1849, having been one of six children: Mary, Kate, Celia, Margaret, Henry and John. Henry Roach, the immediate subject of this sketch, was one of seven children whose names are here given: Thomas, Michael, Henry, Catherine, Celia, Ellen and Margaret, all of whom are living with the exception of John. The grand parents were Thomas and Margaret (Ginnes) Roach and Michael and Ellen (Dolan) Donahoe, and the great-grandparents were Henry and Catherine (Fenarty) Roach and Bartlett and Ellen (Henline) Donahoe. Henry Roach was born in County Galway, Ireland, in 1830, and on December 20, 1850, landed at New Orleans, La., and soon after came up the river to St. Louis, and from there went to Springfield, Ill., to join some relatives. Here he remained until the opening of the Rebellion, and on March 14, 1861, he became a member of the Union army, under Capt. Hopkins, and went to Cairo, Ill., and was placed with his company to guard Fort Prentice. Six months later he moved to Paducah, Ky., from there to Fort Donelson, and here was mustered out of service in 1864. He then returned to Springfield, Ill., but in 1866 removed to Hall County, Neb., which State has since been his home. He was engaged in railroading on the Union Pacific Railroad until 1870, then took up a government claim on the northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 9, Range 12 west, and has since purchased forty acres more, which makes him an excellent farm. He has fine shade trees surrounding his farm, a good young orchard, and a fine grove of box-elder trees near his residence. He devotes ten acres to timothy and clover each year, and for the past six

years has done well in this line. His horses, cattle and swine are of a good grade, and he is a thorough and thrifty farmer, and gives particular attention to all details. In 1874 he was married to Ellen Carnes, who died November 25, 1889, and he then married Mrs. Katherine Kilkenny, also a native of Ireland. Mr. Roach and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic Church, and he belongs to the Democratic party.

Joseph Roach, farmer, Alda, Neb. Mr. Roach owes his nativity to Clipston, Northamptonshire, England, where he was born in 1835, and is now following a calling that has for ages received undivided efforts from many worthy individuals, and one that furnishes sustenance to the ready worker. He is the son of John and Elizabeth (Eames) Roach, both natives of England. The father followed farming in his native country until 1855 and then emigrated to the United States, settling in Elyria, Ohio, where he resided until his death, which occurred when he was about eighty years of age. They were the parents of seven children, Joseph being third in order of birth, and all but one now alive. William was killed in West Virginia while fighting in the Union army. He enlisted in Company K, Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, May, 1861, and served his country faithfully and well. The mother died in Ohio at the age of forty-five years. Joseph Roach came to America when about eighteen years of age, and located in the Buckeye State. He came by himself, and his parents and brothers and sisters followed a couple of years later. After residing in Ohio for about fourteen years, engaged the principal part of the time in farming, he moved to Bloomington, Ill., in the spring of 1867, and remained there until the spring of 1876, when he came West and purchased government land in Hall County, Neb. He is now the owner of 160 acres and Wood River runs through both eighties. The location of the old government post-office is on his land. He was married in Ohio March 27, 1856, to Miss Eliza Bonner, a native of Remsen, Oneida County, N. Y., born in 1829. She grew to womanhood there and then went to Pennsylvania, thence nine months later to a brother in Ohio, where she met and was married to Mr.

Roach. Their family circle numbers two living children: William C. and Marion C. Eliza D. Roach died October 24, 1867. Olive Elizabeth died in her twentieth year, on January 27, 1881, and was the wife of Matthew Curran. (Mr. Curran died June 18, 1881). Joseph E. is also deceased. Mr. Roach is a powerful man physically, measures six feet three inches in height, and at his best weighs 240 pounds. His wife weighs 237 pounds and is hearty and hale. She is a member of the Christian Church, and both have the respect and esteem of all acquainted with them. Mr. Roach is a Republican in politics, but is not a partisan in home matters.

T. B. Robb, farmer and stock-raiser, Doniphan, Neb. T. B. Robb, the son of Sylvester Robb, was born in Washington County, Pa., in 1841. His father was a native of Pennsylvania also, was a farmer by occupation, and was married to our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Isabella Moore. Eight children were the result of this union. In 1843 the father moved from Pennsylvania to Logan County, Ohio, where he continued his chosen calling. His death occurred in 1880. The mother is still living. T. B. Robb was reared to the life of a farmer, and received his education principally in the Buckeye State. He was married in Union County, Ohio, in 1868, to Miss Melvina Arrowhood, who was born in Ohio, and who was the daughter of Jacob Arrowhood, also a native of that State. The father moved to Illinois in 1860, but returned to Ohio, where he died in 1873. Mr. Robb settled in Iowa in 1868, and followed farming until 1872, when he moved to Hall County, Neb., and entered eighty acres of land. Mr. Robb lost his wife in 1874, and has three children as the result of this union: Eva May, James B. and Harry M. For his second wife Mr. Robb chose Mrs. Esther (Proctor), widow of William Bivin, a native of Iowa. Five children have been the fruits of this union: Cora Alice, Thomas, Theodore, Ora Otis and Inis Pearl. Mr. Robb has three step-children: Nora (now Mrs. Jackson, of Grand Island), Emma (now Mrs. Gideon, resides in Doniphan Township) and William. Mr. Robb has improved his homestead, added to it, and now is the

owner of 160 acres of excellent land in a good state of cultivation. He has embarked in the fruit industry, and raises considerable small fruit. He is a Democrat in his political preferences, is a member of Doniphan Lodge No. 86, A. F. & A. M., has been treasurer of the lodge, and is also a member of Doniphan Lodge, A. O. U. W. He has experienced droughts, grasshopper raids, April storms, etc., in Nebraska, but thinks the State can not be beaten, and intends making it his permanent home. He is truly one of the respected men of the township, and by his quiet, unpretentious course has made many friends, and at the same time been very successful.

Caleb M. Robinson, M. D., is one of the best known physicians of Hall County, Neb., and keeps thoroughly apace with the times. He was born in Highland County, Ohio, March 29, 1826, and is a son of Joshua and Anna (Bentley) Robinson, both of whom were born in Gratiot County, Va., at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The family were Quakers, and Mrs. Robinson was a preacher of that denomination for many years. They moved to Ohio in December, 1825, being among the early settlers of Highland County, but later settled in Clinton County, where the father passed from life in December, 1865, his wife having died in 1829. The Doctor is the youngest of four brothers and six sisters that grew to mature years, and he and three sisters are the only surviving members of the family, one sister being a preacher in the Quaker Church at Martinsville, Ohio. The Doctor received the advantages of a collegiate education in his native State, at Yellow Springs College, graduating in 1845, but some three years earlier had begun the study of medicine. He worked his own way through college, being engaged in teaching to defray his expenses, his first term being at the age of sixteen years, when he had about seventy-two pupils. He took his first medical lectures in an Allopathic College at Columbus in the fall of 1844, and in the spring of the following year he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and took a course in a medical institution of that city, graduating in the fall of that year. He next studied in a medical college of Cincinnati, and in the spring of 1846 went to Philadelphia,

where he took two full courses in the Eclectic Medical College, graduating in the fall of 1846. After completing his course he went to East Liberty, Ohio, built a machine shop, and followed that business there and in Clinton County for several years. He was married in Wilmington, Ohio, in July, 1847, and prior to the late Civil War he had practiced his profession a short time. In April, 1861, he enlisted at the first call for troops in the three-months' service, in the Twelfth Ohio Infantry, and was commissioned surgeon of his regiment, and at the expiration of his term of service he re-enlisted. He was then assigned to the National Guards, then to the Fifteenth Ohio Infantry, and served with that regiment until the close of the war. He was wounded October 28, 1864, while crossing the Chattahoochee River, but remained with the army until mustered out of service. He then returned to Wilmington, Ohio, and as he was much disabled from his wound, did nothing for a number of years. In 1868 he moved from Ohio to Missouri, and for three years practiced his profession in Macon City, and after one year's residence in Brunswick and two years' residence in Warrensburg, he moved to Nebraska, arriving here in the month of October, 1873. After opening a farm and practicing his profession up to 1887 he moved to where he now resides, adjoining the village of Cairo, where he has since been in the active practice of his profession. He is a member of the State Medical Society, and attended the first medical society ever held in Grand Island. His first wife died in Ohio, her name being Martha J., a daughter of Joel Woodruff, an Ohioan now deceased. The Doctor and his wife had two children: Mary Ann (wife of William Rudduch, of South Bend, Ind.) and Samuel W. (of Akron, Ohio). The Doctor married his present wife at Macon City, Mo., January 26, 1870, her name being Elizabeth Ashbaugh, a daughter of Dr. J. L. and Cynthia E. Ashbaugh, of Carrollton, Mo. Mrs. Robinson was born in Kentucky, but was reared in Iowa and Missouri. One daughter and two sons have blessed this union: Estella May (now nineteen years of age, a successful teacher of the county), Charles (aged eighteen) and William Clarence (aged fifteen). The Doctor and his

wife are members of the Christian Church, and he belongs to the Masonic and I. O. O. F. fraternities.

Thomas Robinson, machinist by trade, and commissioner of Hall County, Neb., is prominently identified with and has long been a factor in the progress and welfare of Grand Island. He was born in Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, Scotland, March 31, 1840, and is a son of William and Jane (Allan) Robinson, the former of whom was a shoemaker by trade. Jane Allan was a daughter of William Allan, a weaver, who reared quite a family of children, of whom Daniel was a cotton-spinner and teacher by occupation. He was a warm personal friend of David Livingston, the great African explorer, during his collegiate studies at Glasgow University, and in later years carried on an uninterrupted correspondence with that gentleman, who wrote him many interesting anecdotes concerning his explorations, and made his home with him on his return visit to his old highland home. Thomas Robinson, the immediate subject of this sketch, grew to mature years in Scotland, and in the city of Glasgow learned the machinist's trade, his first work as a journeyman being done on the celebrated southern privateer, "Alabama." After working for the Lairds, at Birkenhead, for seven years, he, in 1872, emigrated to Canada, and for some time was an employe on the Grand Trunk Railway, of Canada, at Montreal. In 1875 he came to the United States, and from that time until 1881 worked for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, at Stuart, Iowa, but in the last-named year severed his connection with that corporation and removed to Omaha, Neb., and in 1882 came to Grand Island, where he has since remained, and where he has become well and favorably known. He was first married to Miss Helen Leslie, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and a daughter of Thomas Leslie, a merchant tailor, and by him she bore a family of four children: Thomas, James, Helen and Elizabeth. His present wife was Miss Mary E. Doyle, and they worship at the Congregational Church. Mr. Robinson is vice-president of the Burns Club, and has shown his approval of secret societies by becoming a member of the A. O. U. W. and the K. of L. He is now serving his second

term as county commissioner and has shown himself to be a man of capability, sound judgment, broad intelligence and progressive ideas.

Oscar Roeser is engaged in the grocery business in Grand Island, Neb., and although he has only been established in the grocery business since 1882, he has built up a trade and founded a reputation equal to any of the oldest houses in the city. He was born in Saginaw, Mich., January 4, 1852, and is a son of William and Theresa (Vasold) Roeser, who were born and reared in Germany, but who were married in Saginaw, Mich., where they still reside. In a family of ten children born to them, eight were sons and two were daughters, and the eldest was the subject of this sketch, he being one of the eight children who are living. He attained manhood in his native city and there received a good education in the public schools. When not pursuing his studies he worked in his father's general mercantile establishment, the latter having started this business in 1851, and still continues it, but after acquiring a sufficient education he gave up this work and engaged in wielding the ferule, continuing for two terms near Saginaw. In 1877 he left his native county and came directly to Grand Island, Neb., where he has ever since made his home, and in this city he is now a leading business man. During the first five years of his residence here he was employed by Fred Hedde as manager of a lumber yard, but in 1882 he took the money he had earned and saved and invested it in groceries, and this business has continued to receive his attention up to the present time. He has been unusually successful, and holds the confidence of the citizens of Grand Island for integrity and sound judgment. His efforts on behalf of supplying dealers with the best quality of goods at little money are fully appreciated, and have gained for him an enviable name in the mercantile circles throughout the county. On December 6, 1884, his marriage occurred to Miss Minna M. Stolley, a daughter of William Stolley, a pioneer settler of the county. Mrs. Roeser was born on the old Stolley homestead, one mile south of Grand Island, and her union with Mr. Roeser has resulted in the birth of a son, Emil F. In his political views Mr.

Roeser is a devoted member of the Republican party.

Emerson Rogers. One of the neatest and best-kept farms in Hall County, Neb., is that owned by Mr. Rogers. It comprises 280 acres, situated about four miles from Grand Island. Mr. Rogers was born in Casco, Me., in the month of August, 1827, and there grew to manhood, receiving a good common-school education. In 1855 he came west and settled in Aurora, Ill., where he engaged in contracting and building, and there met and married Miss Jennie Pierce, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Pierce, of Denbigh, North Wales. Mrs. Rogers was born, reared and educated in Wales, and in 1857 emigrated to the United States with her uncle, John Pierce, Esq., of Big Rock, Ill., and after her marriage she and Mr. Rogers resided in Aurora for about fifteen years. The latter, in addition to contracting and building, worked in the railroad shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Company. In 1871 the family settled in Hall County, Neb., and have since made their home on his present farm, all of which is in a good state of cultivation. He has a large two-story house, good barns and other outbuildings, a fine, large grove, and raises a considerable quantity of small fruit. Mr. Rogers is a Republican in politics, and has held a number of local positions of trust and honor in the county, and has served as a delegate to the county and State conventions. They have three sons: Adin M. (who is married and resides on the farm), Lew Wallace (who is in the express business in San Francisco, married, and has one child, two years old, Earl Emerson) and Ernest P. (who is on the Union Pacific Railroad). They also have an adopted daughter, Mamie M. Genong (who has lived with them since she was six years of age, with the exception of four years away at school). The family attend the Episcopal Church of Grand Island, but Mr. Rogers is a Universalist in faith. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have traveled considerable during their married life. While living in Aurora (1868) they spent the summer in Maine, visiting Mr. Rogers' parents and brothers and sisters, and in 1873 Mrs. Rogers spent several months in Europe, visiting her parents and sisters, and in

1880 both spent eight months in Europe, traveling in England, Scotland and France, visiting Liverpool, Manchester and London in England, Glasgow and Edinburgh in Scotland, and Dieppe, Rouen, Paris and Versailles in France, also Denbigh, North Wales, Mrs. Roger's birth place, and in 1888 Mrs. Rogers passed eight months in California, spending most of her time in San Francisco, Oakland and Alameda, and in 1889 Mr. Rogers spent six months in California. Both are so delighted with the lovely climate of the Pacific coast they intend to spend their winters there in future.

H. A. Rose is a pioneer settler of Alda Township, Hall County, Neb., having entered land here as early as November, 1863, amounting to 160 acres. He came here in the month of April from his native State of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Geauga County in 1835, he being the eldest of ten children, eight sons and two daughters, born to Augustus and Elizabeth (Robb) Rose. He was born in Burton, Geauga County, Ohio, November 17, 1809, and his wife in Pennsylvania. Augustus Rose became familiar with farming in his youth, and also learned the wagon-maker's trade in Connecticut. Then he returned to Ohio, and that continued to be his home until his death, which occurred in Austinburgh, Ashtabula County, in 1875. He was an active Republican in his political views, and was a member of the Sons of Temperance. His wife survived him four years. H. A. Rose was educated in the common schools of Geauga County, and learned the details of farm work from his father. He was married in Ohio in 1871, his wife being a Miss Minnie W. Wiggins, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Sanford Wiggins, of Ashtabula County, who, in 1849, crossed the plains to California in search of gold and passed over the land where Mr. Rose now farms. The latter's farm is finely improved with buildings of different kinds. He spent many of his early years in Nebraska in freighting between Fort Kearney, Omaha and Council Bluffs, as there were no railroads at that time and were none until three years after his arrival. He is a Republican in politics, and from 1866 to 1868 served as county sheriff, his territory extending over a very large area. He

joined the I. O. O. F. lodge in Ohio. Mr. Rose has seen the complete growth of Hall County, and can well remember the time when immense herds of buffaloes roamed the prairies, and has often seen bands of Indians a hundred strong. He has always taken an active interest in the advancement of the county and has done his share to aid in its development. Although he has been moderator of his district school board his wife, until her recent death March 15, 1890, filled that position. She was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and her union with Mr. Rose resulted in the birth of one child, Augustus Henry, who is now attending school in Grand Island.

Henry S. and Joseph T. Ross are the representatives of an old and highly respected family, and the grandsons of Alexander and Sarah (Tipton) Ross, who became the parents of the following children: William (born May 12, 1799), Alexander (July 4, 1801), Nancy (October 6, 1803), John (February 20, 1806), Mary (November 6, 1808), James (January 17, 1811), David (June 4, 1813) and Sarah (May 3, 1817). The only one of this family now known to be living is Nancy, wife of John Heron, now residing in Quincy, Ill. To the parents of the subjects of this sketch, whose names were James and Catherine (Spohn) Ross, the following family was born: Henry S. (born January 27, 1833), Alexander (June 14, 1835), Mary A. (in 1837), Barbara (in 1839), Hannah (in 1841) and Joseph T. (June 15, 1843). Henry S. Ross, the eldest member of this family, was married in 1853 to Miss Annie Miller, a daughter of Joseph and Barbara Miller, of Ohio, and a family of five children were born to their union: David A. (who was born February 19, 1854), William H. (January 27, 1857), Schuyler C. (May 26, 1862), Solomon A. (March 15, 1869) and Rose E. (November 1, 1872). The mother of these children died on March 12, 1882, and September 6, of the same year, Mr. Ross espoused Miss Mary P. Stanley, a daughter of A. L. and Phœbe (Cook) Stanley, of Iowa. She was born in 1849, and is the mother of one child, James A. (who was born September 10, 1883). Upon the breaking out of the Rebellion Mr. Ross joined the Union army, enlisting in

the Eighty-seventh Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Col. H. G. Shryock, and was mustered into service August 31, 1862, at Indianapolis, and arrived at Louisville, Ky., on September 1. On October 1 they started in pursuit of Bragg, and on October 6 they had a skirmish with Bragg's rear guard at Springfield. On the memorable October 8, 1862, when the wavering columns of Gen. McCook were so hotly pressed at Perryville, Ky., by the superior numbers of the rebels, the Third Brigade, commanded by Gen. Steadman, and of which the Eighty-seventh was a part, rallied to his support and ended the unequal conflict. His command discontinued its pursuit of Bragg at Crab Orchard, October 16, 1862, and on the 20th arrived in Lebanon, Ky., and on November 3 arrived in Bowling Green, reaching Mitchellville, Tenn., on the 8th. After moving to many different points in this State, they had a sharp skirmish with Van Dorn's Rebel Cavalry, on March 5, 1863, and were afterward in the battles of Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, were with Sherman at Goldsboro, N. C., from there went to Richmond, thence to Washington, D. C., where he received his discharge and returned home. In the spring of 1866 Mr. Ross came to Hall County, Neb., and took up a claim, but in the fall of 1868 he moved to Cherokee County, Kas., where he resided until the fall of 1889, when he returned to Nebraska. Joseph T. Ross emigrated to Hall County, Neb., in the spring of 1867, took up a claim and here has made his home up to the present time. In 1873 he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Burmood, a daughter of Philip and Catherine Burmood, and she is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Ross is a Republican and has taken an active interest in local politics, and has served six years as constable and three years as justice of the peace. He is the owner of a fine farm, every acre of which is tillable, and he has it well improved with good buildings and well stocked. In the year 1831 Joseph T. Ross joined the Federal army, becoming a member of the Forty-sixth Indiana Regiment, under Col. G. N. Fitch, and served three years and

eleven months in Company K. This company was recruited in Fulton County, was organized at Logansport, Ind., October 17, 1861, and was mustered into service in November, 1861, under Lieut. Phelps. Soon after he found himself in Kentucky, and still later in Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana, and during his term of service he participated in the following engagements: New Madrid, Mo., in 1862; Ruddle's Point, in 1862; St. Charles, Ark., the same year, and in 1863 the battles of Fort Pemberton, Miss., Port Gibson, Champion's Hill, siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, and in May, 1864, was in the battle of Mansfield. He was mustered into the Veteran Volunteer service, January 2, 1864, at Algiers, La., and was mustered out of service September 18, 1865.

Henry Rosswick, farmer and stockman, of Hall County, Neb. Of German birth and antecedents, Mr. Rosswick possesses to a remarkable degree the qualities which seem to be characteristic of those of German descent—frugality, industry, perseverance and strict attention to business. His parents were people of like habits. He received a good education in the common schools of his native country, and after completing his studies learned the tailor's trade. When a young man he came to the United States, arriving in New York City in May, 1854, being then seventeen years of age, and worked at his trade for about one year, after which he located in Philadelphia, remaining there some two years. The two following years he spent in Freehold, N. J., and August 29, 1861, he enlisted in the Fifth New Jersey Infantry for three years, and served until he received his discharge at the expiration of his term. He was promoted from a private to a corporal, and was in a number of hotly contested engagements, the most important of which were: Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, the second battle of Bull Run, and a number of others. He lost his right arm at Bull Run, being permanently disabled, and after receiving his discharge went to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he made his home for about three years, then returned to Newark, N. J. From there he went (three years later) to Milwaukee, Wis., thence to Nebraska in 1872, locating in Hall

County, where he took up a homestead claim and began improving his farm, but sold out after a time and purchased his present farm, which consists of 120 acres of good tillable land, on which is a good frame residence, barns, etc. He is a Republican in politics and has held a number of local offices. He was married in Hall County, April 1, 1879, to Mrs. Tabitha Farmer, a native of Ohio, reared and educated in Washington County. She is a daughter of Seneca Cowee, of that county, and was first married in her native State, moving west with her husband in 1873, settling on a homestead of 160 acres in Hall County, Neb., which place Mrs. Rosswick now owns. Her first marriage resulted in the birth of five children: Alice (wife of Frank Perden, of Grand Island), C. C. (who is married and resides in Illinois), H. W., Retta M. (a successful teacher of Hall County) and Florence. A son has been born to her last marriage, George Henry, a lad of ten years. Mr. Rosswick is a member of the G. A. R. organization and also the Farmers' Alliance.

George Lothrop Rouse is accounted, and justly so, one of the successful farmers of Hall County, Neb., and is one of the early settlers of Center Township. He was born in Ottawa County, Ohio, June 17, 1846, but his father, who also bore the name of George Lothrop, was born near Rochester, N. Y., September 18, 1809, and was a son of Lothrop and Sabra Rouse. The father of the subject of this sketch was married to Miss Mary Knapp, born in the "Nutmeg State" September 18, 1817, their union taking place in Ottawa County, Ohio, about 1837, and resulting in the birth of eight children, of whom George Lothrop was the fifth. Their names are: Mary Sabra (born January 8, 1839), Laura (August 3, 1841), Clara Lucretia (January 10, 1843, deceased), Betsey Wilson (September 24, 1844, and died November 20, 1864), George Lothrop, Ida Iantha Irene (April 24, 1848), Joseph (born July 30, 1850, and died February 26, 1854) and Deborah Ann (born December 20, 1851). The father, who was a carpenter by trade and followed farming and stock-raising throughout the latter part of his life, died in Ottawa County, Ohio, May 26, 1851. Some

two or three years later his widow married Robert Killey, with whom she now resides in Ottawa County, and by whom she has three children: Frances, Blanche and William H. The subject of this sketch spent his boyhood and youth on the old home farm on which he was born, and during the winter months attended the district schools and during the summer assisted in tilling the soil. When sixteen years of age he entered Baldwin University at Berea, Ohio, but after attending this institution two terms he entered Oberlin College, of Oberlin, Ohio, which institution he attended two terms. When twenty-one years of age he entered upon the avocation of a teacher, and altogether taught five consecutive terms, the second term being in his old home district in Ottawa County, and the first, third, fourth and fifth in Whiteside County, Ill. His last two terms were taught during the winters of 1872-73 and 1873-74. Meanwhile, in the fall of 1872, he came to Hall County, Neb., and bought 320 acres of land in what was then Alda Precinct. November 13, 1873, he was married in Whiteside County, Ill., to Miss Susanna Augusta Rexroad, she having been born in that county May 8, 1851, being a daughter of Henry and Mehulda (Hoffman) Rexroad. The father was a Virginian born June 7, 1815, a son of Henry Rexroad, who was also born in that State, being the son of another Henry Rexroad. The mother of Mrs. Rouse was born in the "Old Dominion" in 1825, and was a daughter of Michael and Susanna (Sommers) Hoffman, who also belonged to the F. F. V.'s. Mr. and Mrs. Rexroad were married in Whiteside County, Ill., about 1845, and reared a family of three children, of whom Mrs. Rouse was the youngest, only two being now alive, the other member being Adam Francis. Eliza Ann died at the age of five years. The mother of these children died in May, 1853, and in 1857 the father wedded Mary M. Thompson, with whom he now resides in Morrison, Whiteside County, Ill. Mrs. Rouse spent all her early life in her native county and received a very good early education. During her early womanhood she taught school for three years in Whiteside County, her first term being taught at the age

of eighteen years. In the spring of 1874, or just after closing his last term of school, Mr. Rouse, in company with his wife, came to Hall County, Neb., and began housekeeping, seven and a half miles west of the county court-house at Grand Island. Ever since that time Mr. Rouse has given his attention to agriculture, and is now considered one of the leading farmers and stockmen of the county. He has made a number of additions to his original purchase of land, and is now the owner of a magnificent farm of 640 acres. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, she having joined at the age of sixteen years, and Mr. Rouse is a member of the Masonic Lodge, in which he has reached the degree of Knight Templar. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W., and organized the third Farmers' Alliance in the State, and was sent as a delegate to the first State Alliance. He has always been a staunch Republican in politics, and in November, 1885, was elected a member of the county board of supervisors and has served in that capacity ever since, having been re-elected in 1886-87-88 and again in 1889. During the past three years he has served as chairman of the board. He is at present chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, having been elected in the fall of 1889, and takes a lively interest in political affairs, and is one of his party's most active workers in the county. He is an intelligent and influential man, and as a citizen holds a prominent place. He and wife are highly respected and have many warm friends. Their family is as follows: George Lothrop (born March 24, 1875), Mabel Margaret Augusta (born April 15, 1877), Henry Francis (born May 19, 1879), William Wayne (born March 30, 1881), Blake Howard (born May 10, 1883), Mary Laura (born January 31, 1885), Ida Agnes (born February 12, 1887) and an infant son (born August 24, 1889, and died unnamed).

George Chester Roys is one of the successful business men of Grand Island, Neb., and by trade is a mason, contractor and builder. He was born in Worcester, Mass., November 27, 1856, and is a son of John Benedict and Lucy D. (Aldrich) Roys, the former of whom was born in Waterbury, Vt., and

was a builder by occupation. His father, Benedict Roys, was a blacksmith by occupation. The Roys are of Scotch descent, and settled in Vermont prior to the Revolutionary War, coming from Canada. The maternal grandfather, Simon Aldrich, was a farmer, whose ancestors first settled in Rhode Island. George Chester Roys received his education and grew up to manhood in Boston, Mass., and in that city he learned the mason's trade. Thinking to better his financial condition, and under the impression that the West offered better inducements to a man of enterprise and industry, he came to Nebraska in 1879, and located at Sutton, where he was engaged in farming until the spring of 1882, when he came to Grand Island, and has since identified himself with the building interests of this place. He was married in Toledo, Ohio, in 1883, to Miss Elizabeth Slater, a native of Boston, Mass., and a daughter of James Slater, and their marriage has resulted in the birth of a son and daughter: Alice and Chester Stanley. The mother of these children passed from life September 25, 1889, and is buried in the cemetery at Grand Island. Mr. Roy is a Select Knight in the A. O. U. W. He is a stockholder in the Grand Island Improvement Company.

George F. Ryan, one of Grand Island's most worthy and esteemed citizens, is a leading undertaker and furniture dealer of that place. Nowhere within the limits of Hall County is there to be found a man possessed of more energy, determination or force of character, and being honest to a fault in all his business transactions he has won the confidence and esteem of all who know him. He was born in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., March 15, 1841, and was the eldest, and he and a brother are now the only ones living of a family of three children born to the marriage of Benjamin F. Ryan and Minerva Goodale, who were born in the house in which the subject of this sketch was born May 20, 1817, and in Jefferson County, N. Y., December 16, 1816, respectively. Their union took place in the early part of 1840. The paternal grandfather emigrated from the State of Vermont and settled in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., where he followed the occupation of a farmer and

reared a family of twelve children, Benjamin F. being the next to the youngest in the family. The maternal grandfather, Aaron Goodale, was also a tiller of the soil. George F. Ryan spent his early days at farm work in his native county, and also attended the district school until he reached the age of sixteen years, at which time he entered the Gouverneur Wesleyan Seminary, which institution he attended three terms, and at the age of nineteen years he became a school-teacher in his home district. October 5, 1861, he entered the Union service, becoming a member of Company C, Sixtieth New York Regiment, with which he served until the close of the war, having re-enlisted December 25, 1863, and during his service he participated in the battles of Chancellorsville, Antietam and Gettysburg. He was wounded May 26, 1864, in the engagement at New Hope Church, Ga., by a ball in the left leg, and was in the hospital at Jeffersonville, Ind., until January, 1865, at which time he had recovered sufficiently to again enter service, and joined his regiment at Raleigh, N. C., April 24, 1865. As to his rank it should be said that he enlisted as a private, but, upon the organization of his company he was elected a corporal, and was promoted to sergeant in November, 1862, becoming in the fall of 1863 orderly sergeant. He was commissioned first lieutenant December 19, 1864, to rank from September 17, 1864, but did not receive his commission until after he had rejoined his regiment the following April. From the time he was mustered in as first lieutenant until he was discharged he commanded his company, its captain during this time being absent. The war being closed the Government had no further use for his services, and his final discharge was issued July 17, 1865, after which he returned to his home in New York. His military service, which covered a period of nearly four years, was characterized by loyalty, courage and devotion to the cause he espoused, and in whatever capacity he served he acted in a manner becoming a brave and faithful soldier. From August, 1865, until the following November he remained at home on the farm, but he then entered Eastman's National Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in which institution he completed a

full course, graduating March 12, 1866. After spending the summer of that year at home on the farm, in September he accepted a position as book-keeper with the firm of Beach & Dodge, proprietors of a tannery at Harrisville, N. Y., and remained in their service two years. For a few years following the most of his time was spent in laboring on the home farm, but he was also engaged a portion of this time as book-keeper. May 24, 1872, he started for the State of Nebraska and reached Grand Island June 6. Shortly after he took up a homestead claim in Merrick County, about eight miles northeast of Grand Island, and here resided, giving his attention to agricultural pursuits until 1877, moving in April of that year to Grand Island, where he has since continued to make his home, and of which he is a prosperous and influential business man and a worthy and honored citizen. From April, 1877, until May 1, 1881, he acted as book-keeper for E. R. Wiseman, a lumber and grain dealer, but for one year following was employed in the same capacity in the dry goods establishment of H. H. Glover. May 1, 1882, he engaged in the grocery business, in partnership with W. E. Lorenzen and H. Thomas, the name of the firm being Thomas & Co. He retired from this business in January, 1887, and December 16, of the same year, engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, in partnership with A. H. Böhne, the firm name being Böhne & Ryan. They have been doing a successful business ever since and are now one of the leading firms of the kind in this part of the State. Both Mr. Ryan and his partner are among the very best citizens of Grand Island and possess the full confidence of the public. They are men of unimpeachable honesty, and being of pleasant and sociable dispositions they have many warm friends. Mr. Ryan is a prominent member of the G. A. R. and takes a very active part in all the workings of that order. He is also a member of the K. of L., and in politics is a Democrat. In the fall of 1887 he was the candidate of his party for the office of county clerk, but failed to overcome the large opposing majority. He is a man of good habits and his life is wholly above reproach.

M. H. Sage, farmer and stock-raiser, Underwood, Neb. A stranger in passing over this portion of Hall County can not but admire the many beautiful places to be seen on every hand—places which indicate by their appearance the abode of men, leaders in matters pertaining to husbandry. M. H. Sage belongs to this class. The owner of 160 acres of land, he is actively and successfully engaged in farming, conducting all his operations according to the most advanced ideas. This place is an excellent stock farm, and upon it are to be found good graded animals. Mr. Sage came originally from Genesee County, N. Y., born in 1838, and is the younger in a family of two children born to the union of Hezekiah and Charlotte (Hinsdale) Sage, natives of Connecticut. At an early day, the father went to New York, was married there and there remained until his death, which occurred about 1841. He was a mechanic by trade. His wife died in June, 1887. The paternal grandfather, Moses Sage, was a native of Connecticut and a sailor. He was in the War of 1812, was taken prisoner and confined in Dartmouth prison, England, and was shot through the knee while in prison by Capt. Shortland ordering the guards to fire on the prisoners. Later he returned to Connecticut, where his death occurred. The great-grandfather Hinsdale was in the Revolutionary War, and had three sons in the War of 1812. The Hinsdale family were among the early settlers of this country, coming here some time in the colonial period. M. H. Sage was reared in McLean County, Ill. (whither his mother had moved when he was about seven years of age), and was educated in the schools of Bloomington. He was one of the first students in the Wesleyan University under President Andrews and Prof. Goodfellow, the college being in the basement of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Sage attended two years and then went on the lakes as a sailor. After this he was on salt water, belonging to Admiral Dupont's fleet. In August, 1831, he enlisted for three years, or during the war, in Company C, Thirty-third Illinois Infantry, and was assigned to the Western department in Missouri, under Gen. Fremont. He was in the battle of Fredericktown

and was discharged at Black River, Ark., in 1862 on account of pneumonia. As soon as able, Mr. Sage went to Chicago, and July 9, 1862, joined the United States navy for one year on the flagship, "Wabash," commanded by Admirals Dupont and Dahlgreen. He went to Hilton Head and along the coast and was then discharged from the navy, by reason of expiration of his term of service. In October, 1863, he returned to McLean County, Ill., and in January of the following year enlisted in Company I, Third Illinois Cavalry, for three years, and was assigned to the Western department. He went to Memphis, and was in the battle of Tupelo and Okolona. He then returned to Memphis and was there ordered on a five-days' scout, serving in that capacity in Kentucky for five months. He joined the regular army prior to the battle of Nashville, serving through that campaign under Thomas, then went into quarters, and in 1865 went to St. Louis, thence to St. Paul, Minn., and in July, 1865, was ordered across the country westward, after the Sioux Indians. October 10, 1865, he was honorably discharged from service from Fort Snelling, and returned to McLean County, Ill., where he continued farming in that and Livingston Counties. He was married in Genesee County, N. Y., in July, 1867, to Miss Elmira E. Hinsdale, a native of Genesee County, N. Y., and to them was born one child, Charley H. Mr. Sage is a member of A. J. Smith Post No. 65, Doniphan, Neb., and his son is a member of the Sons of Veterans. Mr. Sage is a member of the South Platte Alliance, and is one of the representative men of the county. He has taken quite an interest in politics, but votes now independent of party. A number of times he has been a delegate to conventions. Mrs. Sage is a member of the relief corps. Mr. Sage is the oldest settler in Upland Township, and there were but seven voters in the township at the time he first settled here.

James H. Salter, farmer and stockman, Shelton, Neb. Of the many citizens of foreign birth now residing in Hall County, none are more deserving of mention than Mr. Salter, who owes his nativity to Marseilles, France, where he was born in 1846. His father, John W. Salter, was a native of Eng-

land, and was married there to Miss Mary A. Nush, a native of England. He was a contractor and a brickmaker by trade, and went to Southern France, where he followed his trade until the religious war broke out, when he returned to England. After this he came to America, settled in St. Joseph, Mich., and there followed farming until his death, in 1888, when about seventy-three years of age. The mother is still living, and her home is in Three Rivers, Mich., but at present she is in Fort Wayne, Ind. To this marriage were born fifteen children, eight of whom lived to maturity, and our subject is the third in order of birth. The latter grew to manhood in Three Rivers, Mich., and attended the common schools. He was married to Miss Mary M. Preston, a native of New York State, born in 1850, but who was reared in Michigan, where she received her education. Her father was a native of New York, and was a resident of Flowerfield Township. He bought government land close to Three Rivers, and owns a farm there. He is still alive, and is about seventy years of age. He came west in 1868, and now resides in Brown County, Neb. John W. Salter enlisted as a soldier in the Union army, Company E, Eleventh Michigan Infantry, and served three years in the Western army, participating in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Buzzard's Roost and others. His son, James H. Salter, entered Company G, Thirteenth Michigan, and was under Gens. Buel, Rosecrans and Sherman. He served two years of his first enlistment, then re-enlisted for three years, and served as corporal until the close of the war, taking part in the battles of Perryville, Pittsburg Landing, Mission Ridge, Chickamauga, Savannah, and was taken prisoner before the battle of Bentonville, N. C. He was a prisoner at Salisbury one month and twenty-seven days, and saw Jefferson Davis on the run through the town. Mr. Salter managed to escape, was caught again, but was only retained a very few days. He returned to Michigan after the war, and farmed in that State until 1878, when he came to Nebraska, and bought railroad land. He is now the owner of 160 acres of land here, and has a half section in cultivation in Washington County. He went to Colorado two years ago, and

took a homestead. He is a member of the G. A. R. and is a Republican in politics. His wife is a Seventh-day Adventist. In the year 1887 he enlisted in Company F, Regiment of Nebraska National Guards, as second sergeant, and served one year and four months. Upon removing to Colorado he received his discharge. He had two brothers in the late war. Silas Salter enlisted in 1862, at the age of fourteen years, and died soon after the war was over. George Salter enlisted in 1864, and died at Louisville, Ky.

Samuel M. Schisler. Like many of the representative citizens and farmers of Hall County, Neb., Mr. Schisler is a Pennsylvanian, his birth occurring in York County, March 2, 1844. His parents, John and Martha (Myers) Schisler, were also born in York County, Pa., and the former was a farmer by occupation, and died in his native county in 1861, his wife having passed from life in 1846. Samuel M. Schisler enlisted from his native county in the Federal army in the fall of 1864, becoming a member of the Two Hundred and Second Pennsylvania Infantry, and served until July, 1865, having participated in a number of skirmishes, and rising from the ranks to the position of corporal. After his return to York County, he worked at the shoemaker's trade for about two years, then moved to Hartford City, Ind., where he was employed for three and a half years, but since 1871 has been a resident of Nebraska. He took up a soldier's claim in Hall County, but after residing on it for several years he sold out and pre-empted the claim where he now lives, being at the present time the owner of 320 acres of land, on which are fair buildings and other improvements. Mr. Schisler is a Republican in politics, and has held a number of local positions of honor and trust, such as supervisor, justice of the peace, etc. He became a member of the Masonic order while a resident of Indiana, in 1867, and is now a Master Mason, and has held all the chairs in the I. O. O. F. He was married in Illinois in June, 1869, to Miss Mary E. Wingert, who was born and reared in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Peter Wingert, now of Hall County, Neb. This union has resulted in the birth of

six children: Lillian, Ruth, Edith, Edward, Rosa and Pearl.

Mrs. L. J. Schooley, Shelton, Hall County, Neb. This intelligent and highly esteemed lady, who owes her nativity to Indiana, where her birth occurred in 1844, removed with her parents, S. D. and Nancy (Lowry) Jones, to Illinois, when quite young. The father was a native of the Blue Grass State, born in 1817. He accompanied his parents to Indiana when a boy, there grew to manhood, and followed farming in that State. He was married in 1838 to Miss Lowry, subsequently moving to De Witt County, Ill., where he was justice of the peace and school director, etc. He removed to Nebraska in 1878, and from there to Southern Kansas in the fall of the same year, where he now resides. He is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a Union man in principle during the late war. He is not, nor has he ever been a strong man physically. His wife was born in 1819 in the Blue Grass State, and is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They were the parents of fourteen children, thirteen of whom grew to maturity. Mrs. L. J. Schooley was the fourth child in order of birth. She arrived at womanhood in De Witt County, Ill., where she received her education in the common schools. In 1874 she was married to A. D. Schooley, a native of De Witt County, born in 1841, and who died June 10, 1881. He emigrated west in 1872, entered land, and in the fall of 1874 returned to Illinois, where he was married to Miss L. J. Jones. Then he brought his wife west. They were eaten out by grasshoppers in the fall of 1876 and returned to Illinois, where they remained until 1877, when they returned to Nebraska. Mrs. Schooley is the owner of 160 acres of excellent land, lives but three miles from Shelton, and rents her farm herself. Her sister, Miss Ada Jones, resides with her. Mr. Schooley was a soldier in the Union army, Company I, One Hundred and Seventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in at Camp Butler September 4, 1862.

Fred Schroeder, farmer and stock-dealer, Alda, Neb. The name that heads this sketch is that of one of the well-known residents of Alda Township,

who, like many other settlers in the county, came originally from Prussia, where his birth occurred in 1840. His parents, Fred and Mary (Schmidt) Schroeder, were also natives of Prussia, and the father was a teacher by profession. The parents remained in Germany all their lives, the father dying in 1843, and the mother in 1872. Fred Schroeder, Jr., was reared and educated in his native country, and was there married in 1862 to Miss Sophia Lepp, a native of Prussia, who bore him eight children, five now living: William (married, and resides near his father), Charley, Henry, Lizzie and Otto. After his marriage Mr. Schroeder worked at farm labor until 1867, when he left his mother country and set sail for America. He first settled in Syracuse, N. Y., where he worked at the stone-mason trade, and afterward clerked in a wholesale store. He came to Hall County, Neb., in 1871, entered 160 acres of land, and there remained until 1874, when he returned to Syracuse, N. Y. He there followed farming for six years, but in 1881 returned to Hall County, Neb., settled on the homestead which he has owned ever since 1871, and is now the owner of 488 acres of good land, all well improved. He has a good farm-house, good barns, outbuildings, etc., and has planted a good orchard. He also raises a good grade of Durham stock, and feeds from seventy-five to one hundred head yearly. He is not active in politics, but votes with the Republican party. Mr. Schroeder is a self-made man, having accumulated all he has by his individual efforts. He is always active in assisting all enterprises for the good of the county, and as a citizen and neighbor is held in high esteem.

Hans H. Schroeder. Hall County has long had the reputation of being one of the best farming counties in the State, and her farmers are men of intelligence, industry and enterprise. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch has done his full share in advancing every interest of the county, and although a native of Holstein, Germany, he is now a faithful subject of "Uncle Sam." He was born in 1840, and is a son of Hans and Catherine (Jess) Schroeder, also natives of Holstein, Germany, the father a farmer by occupation, who died in his native land in 1864. His widow sur-

vives him, and makes her home with the subject of this sketch, with whom he came to America. Hans H. Schroeder has been familiar with farm life from his earliest youth, and his early education was obtained in the schools of Germany. He served in the German army in 1864, and the War of 1870-71, after which he began farming for himself, opening up a good farm of sixty acres in Holstein. He was married there, in 1867, to Miss Anna Gulk, a daughter of George and Maggie (Frahm) Gulk, who were well-to-do farmers of that land, both being now deceased. Mr. Schroeder left the old country in 1881, and came to the United States, first settling in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, but in October, 1881, came to Hall County, Neb., renting land for one year. In 1883 he purchased 160 acres of land, partly improved, and soon after making his purchase began setting out an orchard and otherwise improving his property. He erected a good one and one half story house with an ell in 1887, and has also good barns, granaries, etc., and on an average feeds sixty head of cattle annually. He votes with the Democratic party, and has served as treasurer two years. He is at present township clerk. He and wife are members of the Lutheran Church, and are the parents of three children: Catherine (Mrs. Robey), George and Hans.

John D. Schuller is a farmer and gardener of Washington Township, Hall County, Neb., and was born in that part of France which now belongs to Germany, September 5, 1830, being a son of John D. and Catherine (Fuchs) Schuller, both of whom died in France. They had but two children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the elder. The other is a daughter and resides in the old country. John D. Schuller was reared to manhood in his native country, and during the winter months attended school until he was twelve years of age, his leisure hours being spent in laboring on the farm. In 1854 he determined to seek his fortune in the New World, and for some time worked on a farm and canal work in the State of New York, but was afterward engaged in laboring in the vicinity of Indianapolis, Ind., for about one year. The six months following he was engaged in chopping wood in Tennessee and Mississippi,

after which he went to Bureau County, Ill., and worked on a farm and in a brick yard for six months longer. He next went to Kankakee, Ill., and after farming on shares for one season he spent about twelve months at market gardening, but in 1859 left Kankakee County and made a trip throughout the West and Southwest, from New Mexico to Pike's Peak, and in this latter place was engaged in digging gold from April until August, 1860. Returning East through Nebraska he spent two months at hay-making near Fort Kearney, after which he spent several months on a ranch, coming in 1862 to Hall County and locating on 160 acres of land just south of the present city of Grand Island, which place is now a beautiful and well improved farm. The post-office of Grand Island was at one time held in Mr. Schuller's house, this being from July, 1862, until January, 1867, during which time he was postmaster, the name of the office being Grand Island City. He was postmaster until February, 1868, but it had in the meantime been moved to the station of Grand Island. He was the third postmaster, the first being Richard Barnard, and the second, Albert Barnard. Mr. Schuller finally resigned in favor of C. W. Thomas, who was then appointed to the position. He was married August 15, 1873, to Miss Sophia Frederica Rohlf, who was born in Holstein, Germany, March 7, 1849, she being a daughter of Joachim Christian and Anna Christena (Bolk) Rohlf, with whom she came to America in 1873. On reaching this country the family came directly to Hall County, Neb., and here the father is still living, but the mother is deceased. Of a family of six children born to them Mrs. Schuller was the second, and only three are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Schuller have reared a family of four children: Ernst (born June 13, 1874), Carolina (born March 5, 1878), John (born June 23, 1883), and Dora (born May 12, 1885). Ernst is the only child deceased. Mr. Schuller is now the owner of 240 acres of fine land, and is considered one of the prosperous and intelligent farmers of Hall County, and he and wife are among its best citizens.

John Schwyn, cashier of the bank of Doniphan, Neb. This bank was established in 1886, and the

board of directors are as follows: S. N. Wolbach, C. F. Bentley, W. J. Burger and John Schwyn. In 1887 their building was destroyed by fire, and in 1888 they built up a good brick building. They have exchange with Grand Island, St. Joseph and New York. John Schwyn located in Doniphan in 1886, and has been a resident of that city since. He was born in Switzerland in 1855, and was the son of John and Anna (Keller) Schwyn, natives also of Switzerland, where they are now residing, engaged in farming. John Schwyn, Jr., was educated in his native country, and in 1875 emigrated to America, settling in New York State, where he remained until 1879. He then returned to Switzerland, but soon again made the trip across the ocean to American soil, and located in Hall County, Neb., where for some time he was engaged as a farm hand. After that he was in a country store for a while, later engaged in teaching, and then accepted a position as book keeper for Wolbach in Grand Island, with five branch houses, and Mr. Schwyn having all to look after. He remained with this house until he engaged in the banking business at Doniphan. Mr. Schwyn was married on Grand Isle, Lake Champlain, Vt., to Miss Hattie Hoag, a native of Vermont, and daughter of Henry and Catherine (Vantine) Hoag, natives of Vermont and New York, respectively. The father followed farming, but is now deceased. The mother is living and makes her home with Mr. Schwyn. To Mr. and Mrs. Schwyn were born two children: Bessie and Anna. Socially Mr. Schwyn is a member of Doniphan Lodge No. 86, A. F. & A. M., and is senior warden in the same. He is a member of the Lodge of Perfection No. 1, A. A. S. R., and is a member of the Doniphan Lodge No. 76, A. O. U. W. He is also a member of the M. W. A., Doniphan Lodge No. 1033. Mr. Schwyn is one of the progressive men of the county.

Samuel S. Shultz, farmer and stockman, Doniphan, Neb. John R. and Eliza (Armstrong) Shultz, the parents of our subject, were natives, respectively, of North Carolina and New York. The father went to Wisconsin in 1827, was married there, and in 1865 moved to Polk County, Iowa, where he

remained until 1872, when he emigrated to Hall County, Neb. There his death occurred the same year. The mother died in 1874. Samuel S. Shultz passed his boyhood days in assisting on the farm and in attending the common schools of Wisconsin. He came with his parents to Nebraska in 1872, a single man, and pre-empted land that year, taking a timber claim of 160 acres. He was married in Hall County in 1879 to Miss Mattie E. Thorne, a native of Indiana, and the daughter of Albert R. and Annie M. (Roat) Thorne, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. Mr. Thorne was a farmer and came to Hall County in 1871, locating in Doniphan Township, but later moved to Howard County, Mo., where he resides at the present time. His wife died in Dawes County, Neb., in August, 1889. After his marriage Mr. Shultz settled on his farm in 1872 in Hall County, and now has a fine place. He is at present engaged in the butcher business at Doniphan, and makes his home in that city. He is quite active in politics and votes with the Republican party. He is supervisor of the township and was county commissioner in 1882. He is now serving his third term as supervisor. He has also been assessor. To his marriage have been born two children: Earl and Mabel. Mr. Shultz has witnessed the complete growth of the country south of the Platte River, and is one of the pioneers. He has survived three grasshopper raids and the terrible Easter storm of 1873, and notwithstanding all this, likes the country and expects to make Nebraska his permanent home.

Thomas E. Smith is a well-known and successful dairyman of Hall County, Neb., his home being in Center Township, west of Grand Island. He was born in Connecticut, October 9, 1830, and is a son of Samuel and Lucy (Wheeler) Smith, who were also natives of the "Nutmeg State." The mother died when the subject of this sketch was about nine years old, having borne a family of nine children, of whom Thomas E. was the seventh, five of whom are now living. After her death, Mr. Smith wedded Jemimah Johnson, but both are now deceased. Thomas E. Smith was reared to manhood in his native State, and after his mother's

death made his home with an elder brother, during the greater part of his youth being employed in different ways. When about eighteen years of age he came to the fertile prairies of Nebraska, and for one year was employed in a brick yard. At the end of this time he went to Iowa and was engaged in teaming near Glenwood for a few months, after which he went to Pike County, Mo., where he was in the livery business for several years. While there on January 24, 1865, he was united in marriage to Clara E. McQueen, a daughter of John A. L. and Samaria (Nevel) McQueen, the former a native of Louisville, Ky., born March 14, 1788, and the latter born in Albemarle County, Va., February 27, 1806. Mrs. Smith was the eleventh of their thirteen children, five now living, and was also born in Albemarle County, Va., February 24, 1840, and when a small child was taken to Memphis, Tenn., where she grew to womanhood and where her father and mother both died, the former February 14, 1861, and the latter February 18, 1861. Mrs. Smith had been married in early life in Memphis, Tenn., to Wesley L. Padgett, by whom she had two sons, Calvin and George, both of whom died in childhood. Mr. Padgett died on October 18, 1861, the date of his marriage to Mrs. Smith having been September 16, 1856. After marriage they resided in Pike County, Mo., and this continued to be her home until 1869 when she and her husband, Mr. Smith, located on a farm in Merrick County. Since 1879 they have resided in Hall County, Neb., and after a residence of one year in Grand Island they located on their present property and have since given their attention to farming and the dairy business, the latter enterprise being conducted in quite an extensive manner for the past six years. His dairy, which is known as the Platte Valley Dairy, is among the principal ones in the vicinity of Grand Island, and his farm, which contains 160 acres, is splendidly improved. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of three children: Samuel Edward, Lucia L. and Geraldine. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their two daughters are members of the Episcopal Church, and in his political views he is a Democrat. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Smith were Thomas H. and

Elizabeth McQueen, who were born, reared and married in the highlands of Scotland, and in an early day emigrated to the United States and settled in Kentucky. The maternal grandparents, Samuel and Samaria (Sutherland) Nevel, were born, reared and married in England, and on coming to America settled in Albemarle County, Va.

S. E. Smith, lumber merchant, Wood River, Neb. This prominent business man is a native of this State, his birth occurring in 1860, and is the son of John M. and Jessie (Bisset) Smith, both natives of Scotland. His father is a farmer, also a thorough musician, living within one mile of North Bend, Neb. S. E. Smith passed his boyhood days in Nebraska, received the rudiments of an education in the common schools and when prepared to go to college, having the choice of this or to learn the banking business, he chose the latter, and kept books in a bank and grain office combined at North Bend. After learning book-keeping, having no situation, he went to Buford, W. T., where he learned telegraphy. He was in the employment of the Union Pacific and Northwestern Railroad Companies for six years. On account of poor health he left this business and learned the trade of carpenter, which he soon after left to enter the employment of S. R. Howell & Co., lumber merchants, of Chicago. He had charge of the lumber business at North Bend for a year and a half, and was then moved by the company to Wood River. This is the only lumber yard in the city, and Mr. Smith has the entire charge of it. He is a member of the Building and Loan Association, and of the M. W. A. In politics he is an adherent to the Republican party. Mr. Smith has been married twice; first in Schuyler, Neb., in 1881, to Miss Mary Allen. To this union was born a daughter, Miss Jessie B. Smith, the mother dying of child-birth. Mr. Smith's second marriage was in Fremont, Neb., in 1888, to Miss Kate Forsyth, a native of Pennsylvania, and to this union were born Evan F. and Roderick M. Smith. Mr. Smith is a good business man and the lumber trade of this section has given the city an importance in this branch of business, exceeded by that of no other industry, and one which has

added in a great measure to its commercial reputation.

Henry Spohn, farmer and stock-raiser, Wood River, Neb. Mr. Spohn is a native of the Buckeye State, and so also was his father, Daniel Spohn, whose birth occurred in Perry County, and who now resides in Sandusky, of that State. The latter was married in Sandusky to Miss Catherine Bauchman, a native of Germany, and seven children were the result of this union. The mother is still living. The father was in the 100-days' service during the late war. Henry Spohn, the third child in order of birth in the above-mentioned family, received a fair education in the common district schools, and as he grew up upon the farm he became thoroughly conversant with that calling. He came west in 1878 and settled first on Wood River, where he worked for his brother for some time. He purchased his present farm in 1880, and now owns 160 acres of as good land as is to be found in the county. He was married in 1885 to Miss Bridget T. Haverty, a native of County Galway, Ireland. She came to America at the age of about fourteen years. To this happy union were born an interesting family of two children: Ella Theresa and Kate Belinda. He and wife are members of the Catholic Church, and he is a Republican in politics. The parents of Mrs. Spohn were John and Ellen (Killkenney) Haverty, natives of the Emerald Isle.

Robert Stephenson, farmer and stock-raiser, Underwood, Neb. Mr. Stephenson was originally from Yorkshire, England, where his birth occurred in 1851, and is the youngest of nine children born to Thomas and Charlotta (Mather) Stephenson, natives of the same place as their son. The father was a boot and shoe maker and now resides in England. The mother died in 1853. Robert Stephenson was educated in the schools of England, and at the age of eighteen years took passage on a vessel sailing for the United States. He first settled in Canada, tilled the soil there for some time, and then came to New York, thence to Michigan, and in 1874 to Hall County, Neb., where he now owns eighty acres of excellent land. He was married in Hall County, Neb., in 1878, to Miss Ida Zeluf,

a native of Michigan, and the daughter of George A. and Anna (Shay) Zeluf, natives of the Empire State. Mr. and Mrs. Zeluf removed to Nebraska in 1873 and there they now reside. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson were born four living children: George Henry, Robert E., Walter William and Francis Joseph. Hannah Charlotte died in 1879, at the age of eight years. Mr. Stephenson is not very active in politics but votes for the best men and measures. Socially he is a member of the Farmers' Alliance, and is a man who has won a host of warm friends by his honest, upright conduct and by his pleasant agreeable manners. He has made all his property by his own exertions, and takes a deep interest in all that relates to the good of the county.

Henry Herman Stratmann is a well-known and influential citizen of Grand Island, Neb., and is a prominent wagon-maker and agricultural implement dealer of that city. He was born July 9, 1850, in Hanover, Germany, and is a son of Henry and Dorothea (Sieling) Stratmann, the latter of whom died in Germany when the subject of this sketch was fourteen years of age. Henry Herman Stratmann attended school until he was in his fifteenth year, after which he began learning the wagon-maker's trade of his father, and at the age of sixteen years he went to the town of Hoja, where he worked at his trade for a year and a half with Ludwig Knaplauch. From Hoja he went to the village of Bucken, where he worked at his trade until 1869, at which time he emigrated to America, embarking at Bremen and landing at New York City. After spending nearly a year at Dwight, Livingston County, Ill., and a little more than a year at Monee, Will County, he, in 1871, came to Grand Island, Neb., which place has since continued to be his home and of which he has proved to be a valuable citizen. During his entire residence here he has conducted a wagon factory, and has enjoyed a first-class patronage. His establishment is a handsome two-story brick block, erected in 1888, and is situated on the corner of Second and Spruce Streets. For the past five years he has also dealt quite extensively in agricultural implements, and he is now the heaviest dealer of that kind in

Grand Island. He was married November 20, 1877, to Miss Charlotte Spethman, who was born in Iowa, a daughter of John and Melvina Spethman, with whom she came to Grand Island in 1873. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Stratmann has resulted in the birth of five children: Herman L., John and Mary (twins, who died when about one month old), the next was an infant daughter that died unnamed, and Effie. Mr. and Mrs. Stratmann are members of the German Lutheran Church, and he belongs to the A. O. U. W., the Liederkrantz, and in politics is a Democrat.

Claus Stoltenberg is a farmer and stockman of Alda Township, Hall County, Neb., and like the great majority of German-Americans he is industrious, thrifty and consequently successful. He was born in Holstein, Germany, September 2, 1832, and is a son of Henry and Katrina (Spett) Stoltenberg, who were also born in Holstein, both being now deceased. Claus Stoltenberg grew to manhood in his native land, and after serving one year in the regular army of his country he, in 1856, emigrated to the United States, and in the spring of that year landed in New York City. He went almost immediately to Wisconsin, and for about eighteen months worked in Winnebago County, after which he came to Nebraska, and spent one and one-half years in Omaha, and after following various employments he came to Hall County, in April, 1859, being one of its very earliest settlers. Wild game of all kinds was very abundant, but buffalo, elk and deer were the most plentiful, and many pleasant hours were spent by Mr. Stoltenberg in hunting. In time a German settlement formed around him. He entered 160 acres of land, but by many hours of honest toil he has become the owner of 255 acres of fine bottom land situated about five miles from Grand Island, on which are an excellent residence and other buildings, and a good bearing orchard. He was married here December 6, 1862, to Miss Esther Paustean, a native of Holstein, Germany, a daughter of Hans Paustean, who died in his native land, as did his wife. Mrs. Stoltenberg came to the United States after reaching womanhood, and she and her husband are now the parents of

six children: Alwine (wife of Claus Tagge, of Grand Island), Edward, Ferdinand, Cicilie (wife of Bernhard Wise, of Rock County, Neb.), Wilhelmine (a young lady at home) and Carl. Mr. Stoltenberg is one of the leading farmers of Hall County, and is an intelligent and thoroughly posted man on all public matters.

Capt. Elza T. Stringer, grocer, of Grand Island, Neb. It will be seen by a perusal of this sketch that Mr. Stringer is one of the highly esteemed citizens of the county and that he possesses a more than ordinary degree of intellect and enterprise. He was born in Ashland, Ashland County, Ohio, May 11, 1839, and was the second of six children, four now living, born to the marriage of Thomas Stringer and Harriet Potts, both of whom are now deceased. The early education of Elza T. Stringer was received in the public schools of Ashland, it being completed by an attendance of one term in a college at Hayesville, Ohio. In the meantime, at the very early age of nine years, he had bade his parents good-bye, and without a dollar in his pocket he had started out to seek his own fortune, and since that time has relied solely upon his own exertions as a means of livelihood. He first went to Hayesville, Ohio, where he clerked two years in a general mercantile store, after which he spent one year in a grocery store in Mansfield. He next returned to Ashland, his native place, and was in a dry goods establishment of that city for over seven years, during which time the Rebellion broke out. He immediately enlisted as a private soldier, in Company G, Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was the second regiment to be formed for the three-years' service in Ohio, and was immediately sent to the front, crossing the Ohio River at Cincinnati. At Camp Nevin, Ky., he was appointed quartermaster sergeant of his regiment, and after the battle of Wood River, the first in which his regiment was engaged, he was promoted to the first commissioned vacancy that occurred in the regiment, which was that of second lieutenant in Company A, the right flanking company of the battalion. This honor came to him unsolicited, and the first knowledge he had of his promotion was when he received his commission and was sum-

moned to headquarters to take the oath of office. He filled this position with ability, participating in a number of engagements, until after the capture of Nashville and the battle of Murfreesboro, when he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, and was temporarily detailed as acting regimental quartermaster, in which capacity he acted until after the capture of Huntsville, Ala., when, in an engagement, the captain of Company A was wounded, losing a leg. Mr. Stringer, although a minor, succeeded in command, and on the second day's fight at Pittsburgh Landing he commanded the company, and during the siege and taking of Corinth, Miss., and Crab Orchard, and soon after the last-named battle he was promoted to the rank of captain and assistant quartermaster of volunteers by President Lincoln, and was assigned to duty on Gen. Willich's staff, as quartermaster of the First Brigade, Second Division of the Fourteenth Army Corps, which was composed of five regiments of infantry, a squadron of cavalry and a battery of artillery. He continued in this capacity until after the battles of Chattanooga, Hall's Gap and Resaca, when, on account of ill health, he resigned and returned home. Finding the life of a civilian very monotonous after the excitement of war, he soon returned South, and at Nashville, Tenn., he was made roll and disbursing clerk for Capt. J. D. Stubbs, depot quartermaster, and in charge of river transportation. After filling this position for about nine months he purchased a steamboat, and engaged in transporting soldiers and army supplies for the government, having his boat under charter party at \$175 per day and the expenses of the crew furnished. Being subject to the direction of the government, he was sent with his boat and twelve other steamers, loaded with supplies under convoy of three gunboats, to Carthage, Tenn., thence to Burksville, Ky., thence to Point Isabel, at the head of navigation on the Cumberland River, 450 miles above Nashville. At the time of their departure there was a high stage of water in the Cumberland, but owing to the fact that the water had receded five of the transports were unable to cross Faubush Shoals, and returned for protection to the garrison at Carthage, Tenn. Capt. Stringer's vessel, which

was the "Nettie Hartuppee," and the other seven proceeded toward destination, and reported to Col. Crook at Burksville. He ordered the vessels on to Point Isabel, but with the exception of the "Nettie Hartuppee," they were unable to cross Goose Creek Shoals, and his boat proceeded without convoy or other protection, and discharged its supplies at Point Isabel, at which point Gen. Burnside's troops were arriving, preparatory to besieging and capturing Knoxville, Tenn., and as the rebels had burned all the bridges over the Cumberland and its tributaries, Capt. Stringer's boat had to transport all of Gen. Burnside's army, including infantry, cavalry and artillery, and about 1,500 cattle, across that river. Capt. Stringer then returned with his boat to transport the cargoes of the other vessels across the shoals, the whole time consuming four months and twenty-one days. It was the hourly experience of his vessel to be fired into by the guerrilla's musketry and mountain howitzers. Shortly after that expedition the Captain sold his vessel and returned to Ohio, and February 4, 1864, was married to Miss Ellen R. Jacobs, and for one year following was in the grocery business in Ashland, after which he removed to Decatur, Ill., where he was engaged in the banking business for several years, being assistant cashier and a heavy stockholder of the First National Bank. In the fall of 1872 he returned to Ashland, Ohio, and purchased a two-thirds' interest in the gas works of that city, which he operated until the fall of 1875, conducting a grocery store also. In 1875 he removed to Toledo, having entered the employ of the Arbuckle Bros., the mammoth coffee merchants, of New York City, as a traveling salesman, and January 1, 1876, removed to Fort Wayne, Ind., remaining, however, in the employ of the above-named gentlemen until May, 1887, during the last year of which time he had the entire management of that firm in the State of Indiana. In the spring of 1887 he entered the employ of the Union Coffee Company, of New York City, and had charge of the supply depots at St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha, selling goods exclusively to the jobbers of cities tributary to those points. He continued this work until January, 1889, when he resigned his position

and came to Grand Island, Neb., as the manager of the Grand Island Grocery Company, and this position he now holds. This house was established in April, 1889, on a strictly cash basis, with reference to both sales and purchases, and some idea of the mammoth business done by this establishment may be had from the following: It has purchased during the past ten months twenty car-loads of flour (10,000 sacks), fourteen car-loads of salt (1,400 barrels), four car-loads of canned goods (2,800 dozens), and all other goods in like quantities. Capt. Stringer and his wife have five children, two daughters and three sons. Two other children died in infancy. The Captain is a member of the Masonic order, and in his political views is a Democrat.

John T. Sturm, farmer and stock raiser, Doniphan, Neb. Mr. Sturm's farm of 160 acres is one of the finest for successful agricultural purposes to be found in this part of the township, and the manner in which it is conducted is in full keeping with the personal characteristics of its owner, a man of great energy, determination, and of much perseverance. He was born in Shelby County, Ohio, in 1828, and his father, Ephraim Sturm, was a native also of the Buckeye State. The grandfather, Mathias Sturm, was a native of Pennsylvania and at a very early day settled in Ohio. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. Ephraim Sturm was married, in his native State, to Miss Anna Carver, a native also of Ohio, and they resided there until 1849 when they emigrated to Peoria County, Ill. There the father purchased land and tilled the soil for a number of years. The mother died in Illinois in 1852, but the father is still living and makes his home in Peoria County, Ill. Of the four children born to their marriage, John T. Sturm was the eldest. He assisted on his father's farm, received his education in the schools of Ohio, and at the age of twenty-one years went to Illinois, where he tilled the soil for himself in Peoria County until 1852. He was married in that county, January 20, 1852, to Miss Lucinda Vantassell, a native of Peoria County, Ill., and the daughter of Alonson and Harriet (Richmond) Vantassell, natives of Indiana. Mr. Vantassell settled in Peoria County, Ill., squatted on land, and when the land

was opened up for market at Danville he purchased his claim. There they both passed their last days, the mother dying in 1854 and the father in 1872. After his marriage Mr. Sturm settled on a farm in Peoria County, and June 2, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, Sixty-seventh Illinois Infantry for three months. He was mustered into service at Chicago, June 4, and was assigned to detached and garrison duty, guarding prisons as far south as Vicksburg. He was honorably discharged at Camp Douglas, November 7, 1862, and returned to Peoria County, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1871 he came to Hall County, Neb., and engaged in improving and developing his farm. Aside from his farming interests he raises considerable stock, and is one of the substantial men of the county. He is deeply interested in politics and his vote is cast with the Republican party. He is among the foremost in educational matters, and has been a member of the school board; is active in the organization of school districts, and in the organization of townships from precincts. He was assessor in South Platte Township in 1885, has also been enumerator, and has held other local offices. During his service in the army he received a sunstroke, has felt the effects of it from that time to the present, and for the past ten or twelve years has been incapable of manual labor. Socially he is a member of the G. A. R., A. J. Smith Post No. 65, Doniphan, Neb., and has held offices of trust in the organization. To his marriage have been born fourteen children, eleven now living: William Oscar (married, and resides in Kansas City, Mo.), Perry (died in 1855), Alice E. (now Mrs. Lewis, resides in South Platte Township), Odus F. (died in Illinois), Alonzo O. (married, and resides in Doniphan, Neb.), Minnie M. (now Mrs. Denuon, resides in Fairbury, Neb.), Bertha A. (now Mrs. Johnson, resides in Marshall County, Iowa), Stephen (resides in Hall County, Neb.), Hattie, Ella, Archie F., Ida, John R. and one died in infancy. Mr. Sturm has seen a great many changes since coming to this State, and is one of the five left of the original settlers of South Platte Township. He was there during the grasshopper raids of 1874, 1875 and 1876, and endured

the many hardships common to frontier life. He has seen the complete growth of the country, and has aided in all enterprises for the good of the same. His house was made a stopping-place by emigrants moving westward and, with his large family, Mr. Sturm often found it hard to keep the wolf from the door. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Doniphan, and are much respected by all acquainted with them. Mr. Sturm has and is now acting as correspondent for both religious and literary papers, for which he writes a great many articles, mostly signed "Independent," or "X." Some incidents connected with frontier life in Nebraska's early days might prove interesting to some. But, suffice it to say, the Indians were quite numerous here, and as their custom was to make two trips a year to their hunting ground, they passed by the door of Mr. Sturm's residence. He says he has seen a caravan four miles long. They had to be watched as they were very treacherous, often taking property that did not belong to them, and seeming to relish what white people loathe.

J. Lue Sutherland, M. D. The medical profession of Hall County, Neb., is ably represented by the above-named gentleman, who was born in Shelbyville, Ind., on September 23, 1854, being the fourth of a family of ten children born to the union of John Wesley and Elizabeth (McIlraith) Sutherland, the former of whom was born in Indiana in 1825, and the latter in Pennsylvania in 1828, and are now residents of Marion County, Iowa, where they settled in 1855. Dr. Sutherland was reared on a farm in Central Iowa, until seventeen years of age, then entered the Central Iowa University, where he remained four years, and in the meantime began the study of medicine. He spent one year in the office of Dr. J. A. Roberts, two years with W. E. Wright, and during these years of study he taught an occasional term of school to defray his expenses. After attending lectures for one term he located in Buena Vista County, where he practiced his profession for about one year, then entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, and from this institution was graduated February 2, 1882, removing the same year to

Nebraska. He located first in Wayne, Wayne County, but about a year later settled in Wisner, and on September 23, 1887, came to Grand Island, where he has since held forth and has built up a splendid practice. He is a close student and in the practice of medicine keeps fully apace with the times. Having acquired the German language from books, the Doctor now is able to read, speak and write that language much to his own satisfaction and the satisfaction of a large portion of his patrons, who are German. He is a staunch Republican, and is a member of the A. O. U. W. and K. of P. He is examining surgeon for the several social organizations of Grand Island, also several old line insurance companies, and is surgeon-in-chief of this district for the Pacific Mutual Life and Accident Insurance Company of California. The Doctor is of Scotch-Irish descent, and is a descendant of the Duke of Sutherland, of Sutherland County, Scotland. June 26, 1882, he was married to Mrs. Emily Kleeberger, of Buena Vista County, Iowa.

B. Z. Taylor has been located in the State of Nebraska for the past eighteen years, and has proved to be a valuable citizen to Hall County, especially as far as farming is concerned. His farm, an exceptionally fine one, comprises 160 acres, every acre of which is tillable, under fence, and well improved by good buildings. He comes of old Virginia stock, and was born in the "Old Dominion" in 1847, being a son of B. F. and Catherine (McDonald) Taylor, who were born, reared and married in that State. In 1852 they emigrated to Illinois, and after a short residence in Edgar County moved to Moultrie County, where they remained until 1881, then coming to Hall County. B. Z. Taylor was reared and received a good common-school education in Moultrie County, and was one of two children who grew to manhood there. He enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, United States Army, and served until the time of his enlistment had expired, and September 28, 1864, received an honorable discharge. He followed farming in Illinois until 1872, then came to Nebraska and took up a claim where he still

resides, but his first efforts in farming were a failure, as the grasshoppers destroyed his crops as fast as they came up. Somewhat discouraged he concluded to abandon his farm for a time, and removed to Iowa and teamed during the winter of 1874. In the spring of that year he came back to his farm, and his efforts have since continued to prosper. During his early settlement game was very abundant, and many enjoyable hours were spent by Mr. Taylor in hunting buffalo and deer. In 1883 he was united in marriage to Miss C. Bowden, who was born in Illinois in 1866, and by her he is the father of five children: Gertrude, Benny, Lettie, Leslie and Roy. Mrs. Taylor is a daughter of George and Mary (King) Bowden, the former of whom was born in England and came to the United States at the age of fourteen, locating in Grundy County, Ill. George Bowden left Illinois in 1877 for Texas, and came from there to Hall County, Neb., in 1879, where he lived until 1884, then moving to Custer County, Neb., his present residence. His people reside in Illinois, and his wife's people in Hall County, Neb.

Francis N. Taylor, farmer, Wood River, Neb. Prominent among the many enterprising and successful agriculturists of Hall County stands the name of Mr. Taylor, who was born in Moultrie County, Ill., in 1857, and who received his education in the district schools of that county. He was the youngest and only son in a family of four children born to his parents, and was left motherless at the age of four years. The father afterward married again. He was a millwright by trade, and followed that occupation during his latter years, although during the first part of his life he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a Whig in politics, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of the four children born to his marriage, Francis N. is the only one now living. The latter attained his growth in Illinois, secured a fair education in that State, and was there married to Miss Mary Pugh, a native of Illinois, born in 1859. Five children are the result of this union: Mabel, Della, Francis E., Lulu and Clifford. Mr. Taylor followed farming in Illinois until 1880, then sold out

and emigrated to Nebraska, where he purchased 130 acres of land in Hall County. He is now the owner of 180 acres, and has a fine river running through his land, which affords abundant water for his stock. He keeps a good breed of stock, and in the management of everything connected with his farm he displays excellent judgment and thoroughness, qualities which can not fail of success. In his political preferences he is a Republican, though no political aspirant, and throughout the county he has many friends, by whom he is well and favorably known.

Andrew J. Thompson. Perhaps it is not to be so much wondered at that Mr. Thompson is possessed of such progressive ideas and tendencies regarding the management and conduct of his farm when the fact becomes known that he is originally from a community of intelligent and progressive agriculturists—Columbiana County, Ohio—where he was born on April 15, 1845. He was the youngest of ten children, six now living, born to James and Nancy (Magee) Thompson, natives, respectively, of Baltimore, Md., and Allegheny, Pa., the former dying May 16, 1881, and the latter July 14, 1878. The paternal grandfather was Gen. Thomas Thompson, of Revolutionary War fame, and his wife was Rebecca Thompson. The maternal grandparents were John and Rebecca Ann Magee. Andrew J. Thompson spent his boyhood days on a farm in his native county, and at the age of fourteen years he accompanied his parents to Portage County, Ohio, and remained with them, assisting to till the home farm until he was eighteen years old, at which time he entered the Union army, becoming a member of Company I, One Hundred and Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, participating, during this time, in nineteen battles under Gen. Sherman, among which may be mentioned Knoxville, Franklin, Nashville, Lookout Mountain, siege and battle of Atlanta, Fort Fisher and Fort Alexander. He was also with Sherman on his march to the sea, and July 1, 1865, he was honorably discharged at Salisbury, N. C., whereupon he returned to Portage County, Ohio, where he tilled the soil for three years. In 1868 he came westward

to Muscatine, Iowa, and after farming there for one year removed to Vermillion County, Ind., and a few months later returned to his former home in Iowa. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits there until 1887, and the following year came to Hall County, Neb. August 23, 1870, he was married, in Muscatine County, to Miss Lora O. Deming, a native of Portage County, Ohio, born March 24, 1843, being a daughter of Donald and Roxana (Fitch) Deming, the former born in Hartford, Conn., April 11, 1795, and the latter in Coventry, Tolland County, Conn., August 14, 1805. They were married April 11, 1822, and became the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Thompson was the youngest, six being now alive. The mother of these children died in Portage County, Ohio, March 1, 1868, and the father in Muscatine County, Iowa, August 14, 1870. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Thompson were Theron and Electa (Ensign) Deming, the maternal grandparents being John and Marilla (Gregory) Fitch. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have resided on the farm they now occupy ever since coming to the State, which comprises 160 acres of well cultivated land, and have proved themselves to be valuable residents of the county. They have three children: Sherman A., Allie L. and Lora M. Mr. Thompson is a Democrat, and invariably supports the men and measures of his party. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Thompson was engaged in teaching school, and in eight years taught twelve terms in Portage County, Ohio.

Elmer E. Thompson is the superintendent of public instruction for Hall County, Neb., to which position he was elected on the Republican ticket in 1889, and is now ably and successfully discharging the duties of this office. He was born in West Union, Fayette County, Iowa, June 3, 1860, and is a son of Alexander and Lavina (Foster) Thompson, both of whom were born in the "Buckeye State," and removed to Iowa in 1859, where the father followed the occupation of cabinet-making and carpentering for many years. In 1873 he removed to Nebraska, and made a home for himself and family on a farm near Cairo. He and wife reared a family of three sons and two daughters,

their names being as follows: Charles S. (cashier of a bank at Provo City, Utah), Will F. (a teacher at Wood River, Neb.), Alma E. (the accomplished wife of Hon. James Ewing, is now deceased) and Anna J. (who is one of the county's most successful educators). The paternal grandparents were Zachariah and Priscilla Thompson, the former a native of Scotland, who came to the United States when a young man, and was here married. Elmer E. Thompson spent his youth in following the plow on his father's farm and in attending the district schools near his home, and, being intelligent and studious, he had soon a sufficient knowledge of the "world of books" to enable him to engage in teaching, and by this means he was permitted to accumulate sufficient means with which to defray his expenses 'at college. He entered the seminary at College Springs, Iowa, and later the State Normal School at Peru, where he completed his education. He then applied himself to teaching, and has since devoted himself to this calling in Hall and adjacent counties, where he has become well and favorably known as an educator of ability. He has always been an active Republican in politics, and socially is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W.

William Thorpe is a member of the firm of W. & F. Thorpe, and is a native of Ohio, born in 1845, a son of Thomas and Eliza (Herron) Thorpe, who were born near Dublin, in County Wicklow, Ireland, being from the same neighborhood as Parnell, the agitator. They came to America with a family of small children and settled in Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio, where they reared six of their ten children to maturity, five of whom are still living and three residents of Ohio. The father was a carpenter and builder by occupation, and about 1856 removed with his family to Canada and settled in the town of Guelph, Wellington County, where two of his children were born. After about fourteen years he returned to the States, and from that time until his death in 1887 resided at his old home in Ohio, he being about ninety years of age upon his demise. His widow, who was born in 1820, survives him and lives at Auburn, Ohio. Thomas Thorpe was reared by an uncle, a land agent, and he and his sister, Elizabeth, were re-

markably well educated, being very fond of reading. The paternal grandfather, Fred Thorpe, was an officer in the English navy. William Thorpe, the immediate subject of this sketch, was educated in Ohio, Canada and Michigan, and in his youth served an apprenticeship at the miller's trade, learning the details of the work in the last-named State. After following this occupation on his own responsibility at Buchanan for some five years, he went to Ohio and settled near his old home, which was prior to his parents return, and worked as journeyman there for three years. He then bought a mill of his own at Auburn, but eleven years later, in 1881, came to Nebraska, and built the present Atlantic Mills at Wood River. He was joined by his brother in March, 1882, and their mill is now capable of turning out 100 barrels of flour per day, which is of an excellent quality and gives the best of satisfaction wherever used. Their mill is fitted up with the roller process and is in other respects very complete. He still owns his mill property at Auburn, Ohio, but as it has always made a living for the family he leaves it in possession of a younger brother. He also owns a steam circular saw-mill and two dwellings there, which are now very valuable property. Fred Thorpe, one of the proprietors of the above-named mills, and also the proprietor of the Commercial Hotel of Wood River, was born in Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio, in 1848, and went with his parents to Canada, where his education was received. During the Civil War in this country he returned to the United States, and settled at Woonsocket, R. I., where he worked for some time for a cattle dealer, and later became connected with an oil firm of Boston. At the end of one year he went to Chicago, Ill., and was first in the employ of S. W. McBride & Co., and later with another firm, being superintendent of oil works all this time, but in March, 1882, he came to Nebraska, and became associated with his brother in the flour mills of Wood River. He opened the Commercial Hotel of this place in 1885, which is one of the best establishments of the kind in the town, and besides this property is the owner of several town lots, 160 acres of land, and a one-half interest in the mill, which alone is worth over \$27,-

000. Although a Republican in politics, he is not a partisan, and socially is a member of the K. of P. and the I. O. O. F. In 1872 he was married in Chicago, to Mrs. Shelton, a widow with one daughter, Annie M., who is now the wife of E. A. Wedgwood, of Grand Island. Mrs. Thorpe was born in Quebec, Canada, and is of Irish descent. These gentlemen by their many excellent qualities have succeeded in establishing a large and remunerative trade, which the excellent quality of their product fully justifies, and they are safe, reliable and upright men of business.

Benjamin Grant Underwood, farmer and stockman, Underwood, Neb. Prominent among the successful farmers and stock-raisers of Hall County stands the name of Benjamin G. Underwood, who owes his nativity to Oakland County, Mich., where he was born in 1830, and is the son of Asa B. and Sabrina (Loomis) Underwood, natives of Canada. The father emigrated to Oakland County, Mich., in 1827, and although a carpenter and ship-builder by trade, he settled on a farm and tilled the soil until his death, which occurred in January, 1844. He took quite an active part in politics in the campaign of 1840, and was a Whig. The mother survived him until 1885, and had been a resident of the farm, where she reared her family of ten children, for over fifty-eight years. Benjamin G. Underwood began the duties of farm life at an early age, and received his education in the primitive log school house of pioneer days. He commenced farming for himself in Michigan, and was married in McComb County of that State, in 1857, to Miss Cleantha Lerich, a native of McComb County, Mich., and the daughter of Peter and Sarah (Fishbough) Lerich, natives of New Jersey. Mr. Lerich was married in New Jersey, and in 1835 moved to what is now McComb County, Mich., where he purchased a partly improved farm and made that county his home. He and wife still reside in that county. Mr. Underwood followed farming in Michigan until 1884, when he came to Nebraska and purchased a partly improved farm of 160 acres, on which he has since erected a good house, outbuildings, etc. He takes an interest in the votes of the Republican party, and is

now serving his second term as justice of the peace, being elected in 1887. Mrs. Underwood was appointed postmistress in 1885, and the post-office was called Underwood. It is a good, strong office, and has tri-weekly mail from Underwood to Hansen. Forty-two families get their mail at this office. Mr. Underwood is a member of the South Platte Alliance No. 373, and takes an active interest in the same. To his marriage were born seven children: Frank (married, and resides in South Platte Township), Hale (is the owner of a farm in Martin Township), William (resides at home), Charles, Mary, Clifford and Fred. The younger ones are attending school. Mr. Underwood has seen a great many changes in the country since settling here, and has always taken a prominent part in everything for the good of the county. He expects to make this State his permanent home.

Henry Vieregg, the proprietor of the Grand Island Bottling Works, is a native German, and possesses all the sterling characteristics of his race. He was born in the village of Gaidersdorf, Holstein, Germany, December 22, 1840, his parents, Hans and Elsie (Kruse) Vieregg, being worthy residents of that place. He was one of their five children, and at the early age of sixteen years came to the United States to seek his fortune, and after spending two years in Davenport, Iowa, he came to Grand Island, Neb., and upon attaining his majority he entered some land and was engaged in farming for some time in Merrick County, but in 1876 he returned to Grand Island, and after giving his time and attention to the ice business for quite a period, he engaged in the bottling business and also sells mineral waters and temperance beverages. He was married in Grand Island to Miss Caroline Spethmann, a native of Holstein, Germany, and a daughter of John and Malvina Spethmann, and by her has had a family of eleven children born to him: Malvina (wife of Franz Rosser assistant post master, by whom she has had a son named August), Louisa, Willie, Othelia, Albert, Emil, Henrietta, Oscar and Elsie. August and Carl died in early youth. Mr. Vieregg and family attend the Lutheran Church, and he is a prominent Democrat and has been a member of the City

council and alderman of his ward for two terms of two years each. He was a candidate for the Legislature against a very popular Republican, but owing to the great Republican majority in the county was defeated. He is well known and highly respected, and besides the farm which he owns and his present business, he is the owner of a bottling establishment at St. Paul. He belongs to two German societies.

Isaac H. Waldron is a prominent pump dealer of Grand Island and is well known throughout Hall County as a man of sterling business principles, sound judgment and intelligence. He is one of four surviving members of a family of eight children, and was born in Albany County, N. Y., December 23, 1837, his parents, Aaron and Susan Waldron, being born near Auburn and Albany, N. Y., respectively. Both parents are now deceased. Isaac H. Waldron spent his youth on a farm in his native county, receiving the advantages of the common schools in the meantime, but at the age of seventeen years he went to Schenectady, N. Y., where he was employed for two years as a hack driver. At the end of this time he emigrated westward, and until 1872 made his home in Sycamore, De Kalb County, Ill., his first work at this place being for Reuben Elwood, who was an extensive raiser of broom corn. After remaining with him for two months he was chiefly engaged at farm work until 1862, and on August 7 of that year he was mustered into service in Company C, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Infantry, United States Army, and was detailed as an orderly immediately after entering, and held this position until his time had expired, which was at the end of two years and ten months. He was a participant in the battles of Peach Tree Creek, Resaca, Dalton and Buzzard's Roost, and was with Sherman on his famous march to the sea. June 7, 1865, he was mustered out of service at Chicago and returned to De Kalb County, Ill., and resumed farming. In 1872 he came to the fertile prairies of Nebraska and settled upon a homestead which he had taken in Hall County, and here he continued to follow agricultural pursuits until 1885. In December of that year he removed to Grand Island and has

since given his attention to the sale of pumps and wind-mills, and has built up a paying business. He was married July 3, 1862, to Miss Ruth A. Depue, a daughter of James and Julia A. (Marsh) Depue. Mrs. Waldron was born in Pennsylvania, and she and Mr. Waldron are the parents of six children: Edith A., John C., Lettie M., Lewis J., Julia M. and Frederick, of whom John C. and Frederick are deceased. Mr. Waldron is a member of the A. O. U. W., and in politics is a staunch Republican.

Edward C. Walker. Nowhere in Hall County, Neb., is there to be found a man of more energy, determined will or force of character, than Mr. Walker possesses, and no agriculturist is more deserving of success in the conduct and management of his farm than he. His birth occurred in Clark County, Ohio, July 1, 1844, a son of Joseph J. and Delilah (Umbel) Walker, who were born, reared and married in Ohio, being among the early settlers of Ohio, where the father made his home until his death. His widow survives him, and resides in Hall County with a daughter. Edward C. Walker attended to the duties on the farm until 1861, but upon the call for troops to suppress the Rebellion which had arisen, he left the plow and enlisted in Company I, Forty fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and re-enlisted on January 5, 1864, his regiment becoming known as the Eighth Volunteer Cavalry. He was discharged in July, 1865, as a corporal, and during his term of service had participated in the battles of Louisburg and Charleston, W. Va.; Dutton's Hill, Ky.; the siege of Knoxville, and took part in numerous skirmishes. He was shot in the right fore-arm at Beverly, W. Va., was disabled for several months and was on detached duty. After the closing of the war he returned to his home in Ohio, but soon removed to Butler County, Iowa, and there made his home for about six years, after which he went to Nebraska, and in 1871 settled in Hall County, on the farm on which he is now living. He owns 160 acres, on which is a comfortable house, and was one of the first men in the county to locate north of Grand Island. He has always been a Republican in politics, supporting the men and measures of that party, and in 1872 was elected

to the position of magistrate, and after serving one term was elected to the position of supervisor. He is now serving his third term as justice of the peace, and his third term as collector and treasurer. He was married at Grand Island September 22, 1878, to Miss Mary J. Lamon, a daughter of E. S. Lamon, she being a native of Indiana. They have four children: Charles E., James L., Ernest L. and Pearl (an infant six months old). Mr. and Mrs. Walker are Baptists in faith, but are not members of any church.

George L. Warner, one of Hall County's most successful agriculturists, was born in the "Nutmeg State" December 5, 1821, and is a son of Martin and Nancy (Hart) Warner, the father being also a native of Connecticut, born in 1770. At the age of fifty-four years he left his birthplace and went to York State, where he farmed. He also owned a sailing vessel which plied the ocean and entered the then small city of New York, but afterward moved to Ohio and was a resident of Wood County until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-two years of age. He was a man of great physical strength, was six feet and one half inches in height, and never had a spell of sickness until he was fifty years old. He was a Presbyterian in faith. His father, Martin Warner, was born in Connecticut and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, Solomon Warner, an uncle of the subject of this sketch, being also in that war. The maternal grandparents came originally from England, the grandfather serving in the Revolutionary War. On his father's side of the family Mr. Warner traces his ancestry back to three brothers who took passage in the good old ship, the "Mayflower," landing at Plymouth Rock. The male members of the Hart family were principally sailors. Nancy (Hart) Warner was born in Connecticut, and she and Mr. Warner reared a family of ten children, six of whom are now alive. The mother died in 1866 over eighty years of age. George L. Warner resided in York State until he reached his twelfth year, then went with his parents to Wood County, Ohio, and there the greater part of his education was received. Upon the opening of the war he joined the Federal army, becoming a mem-

ber of the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Ohio, but after the battle of Frederick City he returned home and took care of his parents until their deaths. He was first married in Ohio to Miss Charlotte Yates, but she left him a widower in 1874 with a family of four children: Ellen (wife of James W. White), William, John and Franklin. After residing in Ohio until 1866 Mr. Warner removed with his family to Burr Oak, Mich., but sold out there in 1871 and came to Nebraska. He took up a soldier's homestead of 160 acres, and soon after erected his present residence, but his labors at first were not attended with good results, for the grasshoppers ate his crops, and at one time from fourteen acres of corn he only secured a basket full of nubbins. He persevered, however, in his determination to make a home for his family in Nebraska, and in time became the owner of 400 acres of land, but has since sold a considerable portion of this. He is very philosophic in his views, is an exceptionally intelligent man, and is a deep thinker. He is a Republican, is a member of the G. A. R., J. Hooker Post, and in his religious views is a Presbyterian. In October, 1875, he was married to Mrs. Jane A. Hill, who had a family of three daughters by her first husband.

Edgar A. Wedgwood. Socially, politically and as a painstaking and zealous official, we find none whose record, in point of excellence, excels that of Mr. Wedgwood, who for a number of years was the efficient sheriff of Hall County. Although a staunch Democrat in his political views (his party having a minority of several hundreds below that of the Republican party in Hall County) he has, by a very creditable career, won the respect and liking of those opposed to him in his preferences, and owing to their hearty support, as well as to that of his constituents, he was elected to the office of county sheriff November 1, 1885, and as a mark of respect for his painstaking services he was honored with a re-election in 1887, which fact speaks louder than mere words can do as to his ability, integrity and popularity, and his retirement from office in the spring of 1889 was witnessed with many regrets. He has drawn around him a host of friends, who pay him a hearty respect in his official retire-

ment. He was born in the "Old Bay State," at Lowell, May 2, 1856, and is a son of Andrew J. and Theresa A. (Gould) Wedgwood, who were born in the State of Maine, the former in Newport and the latter in Dixfield, both belonging to old and prominent families of the "Pine Tree State." The Wedgwoods are of English extraction. Andrew J. was a machinist by occupation, and for many years was in honorable employment with the Merrimac Manufacturing Company, of Lowell, Mass. In 1879 he came to Nebraska, with his family, and settled on a farm near Wood River, where he passed from life April 7, 1889, leaving his widow and the subject of this sketch as his survivors. The latter had received good advantages in the schools of his native city, being a graduate of the high school of that place when eighteen years of age, and on coming west with his parents took up the building business, with which he was identified until 1885, when, as above stated, he was elected to the sheriff's office. He has always interested himself in the advancement of all good works, and contributes liberally to their success. He has served Wood River as its treasurer, and Grand Island as a member of its council, and socially is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the A. O. U. W. and the K. of P. He contributes liberally and irrespective of denomination to the different churches, looking on all as grand temples of morality. Himself and wife enjoy the esteem of all who know them.

G. W. Weeter, M. D., physician and surgeon of Grand Island, Neb., is associated with Dr. Sumner Davis in his practice, they forming a firm worthy of all confidence. He owes his nativity to Clarion County, Pa., where he was born on October 20, 1847, and was one of a family of twelve children born to George and Sarah (Lobaugh) Weeter, whose ages are, respectively, seventy-five and sixty-nine years. The father has three brothers living, one eighty-one, another eighty-three and another eighty-five. Dr. Weeter acquired his literary education in Callensburg Academy and the Clarion Collegiate Institute, and in the latter was assistant principal for nearly two years. He put himself through these institutions, securing the

means with which to defray his expenses by teaching school during the winter months and attending school during the summer seasons. In 1871 he began the study of medicine under Dr. R. C. Callahan, remaining until the fall of 1873, at which time he entered the Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, Ohio, and after taking lectures one year, began practicing with Dr. I. W. Mease, of Shippenville, Clarion County, Pa., with whom he remained associated a year and a half. In the autumn of 1875 he again entered the Western Reserve University, graduating as an M. D. in the spring of the following year, and in August, 1876, he located in Crawford County, where he practiced for twelve years, two years having been appointed as physician of the county infirmary of that county. He spent a portion of the winter of 1886 at his old *alma mater* with a view to furthering his knowledge of medicine, and in May, 1888, decided to still further push his investigations, and for this purpose took a course in the New York Post Graduate College. In November, 1888, Dr. Weeter came to Grand Island, where he practiced his profession alone until July, 1889, when he formed a partnership with Dr. Davis and is doing well. He gives some special attention to diseases of the throat and nose, and in the treatment of the cases which have come under his control he has been very successful. On May 22, 1889, he was appointed secretary to the pension board of Grand Island. The Doctor is a Republican and has held various offices of trust in the different localities in which he has resided. He married Emma J. Mease, of Shippenville, Pa., on March 28, 1876, to whom two children have been born: Arthur R. (aged thirteen years) and Lelah Manora (aged nine years and six months). They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

J. M. Weldon was born in the State of New York, in 1862, and like all native New Yorkers, is intelligent, enterprising and industrious. He is a son of J. M. and Jane (Irving) Weldon, who were born in York State in 1824 and England in 1834, respectively, the former being a blacksmith and machinist by occupation. Their union took place August 10, 1851, and after making their home in

New York until 1872, they came to Hall County, Neb., and took up a homestead claim, but subsequently moved to Wood River, where the father resided until his death in 1887. During the Rebellion he served in the Union army, in the Fourth New York Heavy Artillery, under Gen. Hancock, and for many years was a member of the Republican party, and socially belonged to the A. F. & A. M. The paternal grandfather was born in the "Empire State," was a farmer by occupation and lived and died in the Mohawk Valley. His wife was also born in that State. J. M. Weldon, the immediate subject of this biography, was eleven years of age when he came to Nebraska, and he received excellent educational advantages in the district schools near his home and in the high school at Gibbon. In November, 1882, he was married to Miss Ella M. Dunlap, who was born in Sullivan County, Mo., December 25, 1862, and by her he is the father of three children: Blanche, Carrie and E. K. He inherited some money from his father, purchased some land when twenty years of age, and now has 120 acres in his home farm and 200 acres in other tracts. Mr. Weldon is one of the wealthiest and most enterprising young farmers of the county, and owing to the many estimable qualities which he possesses, he is respected and esteemed by all. He is an officer of Chamberlin Encampment of the I. O. O. F. at Wood River, being a charter member of the same, and holds a life insurance of \$2,000 in the A. O. U. W. His wife is a daughter of Tennessee and Mary L. (Myers) Dunlap, the former being a native of Illinois, although his people came from Tennessee. He is now residing in Eureka Springs, Ark. His mother is still alive and resides in Springfield, Ill., aged eighty-four years.

Riley Wescoatt, general merchant of Wood River, Neb., has a well-stocked establishment, and being strictly honest in his dealing with his customers and selling his goods at reasonable prices, he has built up a paying trade. He was born in the "Hoosier State" in 1828, and is a son of Joseph S. and Sarah (Metzgar) Wescoatt, who were born in Cayuga County, N. Y., and Dutchess County, Pa., in 1790 and 1785, respectively. The father was a

farmer by occupation, and at an early day removed with his family to Ohio, thence to Indiana in 1828, locating in Vermillion County near Eugene. From this State he removed to Iowa in 1837 and made his home in Van Buren County until his death, in 1860. He was judge of the Van Buren County Court at this time, and had been a member of the Territorial Legislature at one time. He served in the Black Hawk War, and in his political views was an old line Whig, being a man exceptionally well educated for those times and well posted on all current topics. His wife lived until 1888, making her one hundred and three years of age, and was hearty and spry, with not a gray hair in her head, but met with an accident which resulted fatally. Riley Wescoatt is one of seven children, the youngest of whom is now over fifty-eight years of age, and grew to manhood and was educated in the State of Iowa. He followed merchandising in Alva, Ill., from 1858 until the opening of the war, and in May, 1861, enlisted in Company A, First Iowa Cavalry, United States Army, but after serving two years and nine months was discharged for disability. He was in the engagements at Rolla, Mo., Pea Ridge, Cross Roads, Newtonia, Prairie Grove, Little Rock, and was on the Camden expedition. He was at home when the war closed and from that time farmed until 1874 when he removed to Nebraska and purchased land. In 1883 he sold his estate and removed to Wood River where he began merchandising, continuing successfully up to the present time. He is an influential citizen, popular with all, and is ever ready to extend the right hand of fellowship. He is a member of the G. A. R., the I. O. O. F., and is trustee of the Building & Loan Association of Wood River. He was married in Iowa to Miss May J. Richardson, who was born in Illinois in 1855, and by her he has four children: Nelson, Frank, Harry and Emma.

William H. West is a successful agriculturist and is a raiser and dealer in Polled-Angus cattle and Poland-China hogs. Although born in Newcastle County, Del., January 23, 1832, he was reared to manhood in Kent County of that State, making his home with his parents. After farming

for himself in his native State for eight years, he began merchandising at Wilmington, continuing there until 1874, when he moved to Nebraska, and located at Grand Island, where he also opened a mercantile establishment, and was successfully engaged up to 1888, when he closed out and removed to the farm where he now resides. His first purchase of land was in 1878, and he is now the owner of 480 acres of land, all in one tract and very valuable. He has a good one and one-half story residence, substantial and commodious barns, and besides his home property he owns a section of timber land in Arkansas. He is devoting much of his attention to raising Polled-Angus cattle, and now has a herd of twenty-six head of thoroughbred registered cattle, with a fine young animal, "Kenneth," four years old and weighing 2,000 pounds, at the head. This animal was sired by Baronet, an imported animal. He also has twenty-nine head of graded stock, and is prepared to furnish both registered and graded animals for sale. His drove of swine is of the Poland-China breed and is one of the finest in the State. He has made a business of buying and shipping cattle since coming on his farm, and there is now no man in the county more extensively engaged in their propagation than he. His farm is well fitted for this purpose, the conveniences, etc., being unsurpassed. He has always been a Democrat in his political views, and has held a number of positions of honor and trust since coming to the county. He was married in Delaware, in 1853, to Miss Rachel Sylvester, who was born in that State and died in 1870, leaving a son, Leonard J., of Grand Island. His second marriage also took place in Delaware, October 4, 1872, his wife being Miss Sallie A. Luff, reared and educated in that State and a daughter of John and Martha Luff. Mr. West and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which order he has attained to the Commandery. His parents, James and Rachel Ann (Davis) West, were born in Delaware, and in the spring of 1837 moved from Newcastle County to Kent County, where they died in March, 1850, and in May, 1849, respectively. The father

was a mechanic by trade, and was a worthy man and a highly honored citizen.

Frank S. West. Among the young men determined to make a home for themselves and families on the fertile prairies of Nebraska was Mr. West, who left his native State of Iowa, and came to Hall County in the fall of 1883, and purchased a quarter section of fine land in Section 16, and has since been identified with the growth and prosperity of the county. He is a young man of much push, energy and enterprise, and the manner in which he has acquired his present estate denotes him to be a thorough master of his calling. He was born in the "Hawkeye State" in 1860, and is a son of Isaac and Watty (Weldon) West, and in his early youth received the advantages of the common schools of his native State, acquiring a fair knowledge of the "world of books." When quite a young man he went to California and was engaged in agricultural pursuits and sheep-raising in that State for five years, but, as above stated, came to Nebraska in 1883, and here has since made his home. In the summer of 1885 Miss Mary Ewing, a member of one of the most influential families of this portion of the State, became his wife, and their union has resulted in the birth of one child, Ray W. Mr. West has always supported the Republican party, and has taken quite an interest in local politics. He is universally respected, and socially is a member of the A. O. U. W., Wood River Lodge.

Frederick Whitehead, farmer and stock-raiser, Wood River, Neb. Mr. Whitehead is a native of the Empire State, where his birth occurred in 1844, and is the son of William and Sarah (Watson) Whitehead, both natives of England. The father was born in 1810 and was a cotton-spinner by trade, working at his trade in his native country until he came to America in 1834. He was married in England in 1830, and after reaching this continent continued his former trade for about ten years in New York. He then went to Middleville, town of Newport, and followed the same business there for six years, after which he moved to Wisconsin and engaged in agricultural pursuits, continuing the same until 1884, when he emigrated to

Nebraska. He is now eighty years of age, reads and writes without glasses, takes care of a car-load of cattle and carries corn to them on his shoulders. He belonged to the regular military in England, was with them a year, when his people bought his discharge. When the Civil War broke out he was a Union man in principle and gave instruction to the bugler of the Third Wisconsin Cavalry. His two sons, Fred and William, were in service. The mother of our subject died in July, 1857. She was the mother of nine children, seven of whom are still living. After her death, or in 1863, the father married again, to Miss Mary Rhines, who bore him two daughters, both now living. The grandfather, William Whitehead, was born in England in 1765, and died there in 1837. He was a hatter by trade. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Ashworth, was a native of Denton County, England, born in 1772. They were the parents of fourteen children, twelve daughters and two sons, and six of whom grew to maturity, but our subject's father is the only one now living. The last one that died was eighty-one years of age. The great-grandfather, Robert Ashworth, was born in the town of Denton, England, and was a hatter also. Frederick Whitehead passed his youthful days in Wisconsin and there received a fair education. He was early instructed in the duties of farm life by his father, and at the breaking out of the late war entered the Federal service in Company C, Thirty-second Wisconsin Infantry. He was discharged in June, 1865, and participated in the following battles: Tallahatchie, Holly Springs, Parker's Cross Roads, Colliersville, Monroe, Lafayette, Marion Station, Paducah, Decatur, Courtland, the siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro, Savannah, Salkehatchie, Orangeburg, Columbia, Cheraw, Fayetteville, Bentonville, Raleigh, and many other skirmishes. He participated in twenty-two general engagements. He then returned home, and in April, 1867, he was married to Miss R. Carter, a native of Wisconsin, born in 1851, and the fruits of this union have been two children: Alvin and Mertv. Mr. Whitehead continued to farm in Wisconsin until 1872, when he came to Nebraska and home-

steaded Section 18, Town 10, Range 11. He sold this in 1878 and the following year bought his present property, paying \$10 an acre for it, and raised enough the first year to pay for it all. He is now the owner of 155 acres and feeds cattle every winter. He has about ninety head of cattle on his farm, hogs in proportion, and also raises some horses. He is a member of the Shauppsville Farmers' Alliance and is chaplain for the lodge. He belongs to Brady Post No. 134, G. A. R., and is also a member of the A. O. U. W. In his political views he affiliates with the Republican party. The father of Mrs. Whitehead, William Carter, was born in Massachusetts, and the mother in Wales. The father was a joiner and ship carpenter by trade, and died on January 28, 1882, at the age of eighty-one years. The mother died in 1866 at the age of forty-one years. Her maiden name was Laura Williams. Grandfather Williams was a native of Wales, who came to America at an early day.

E. Whitehead, farmer and stock-raiser, Cairo, Hall County, Neb. The estate which Mr. Whitehead now cultivates embraces 200 acres, land well adapted to the purposes of general farming, and in his operations he displays those sterling principles characteristic of men of New York State, especially industry and wise, judicious management. He was born in Herkimer County in 1851, and was one of nine children born to his parents [see sketch of Fred Whitehead]. The children were named as follows: James, Mariah, Mary, Samuel, William, Frederick, Eleanor, Margaret and Ervin. Seven of these children grew to maturity. In 1857 the family emigrated from New York to Wisconsin, and there remained until 1873, when they broke up. Ervin Whitehead emigrated to Hall County, Neb., and took up the southwest quarter of Section 2, Township 11, Range 12 west, where he still resides. When he came to Nebraska he was without money but was blessed with good health and plenty of energy, a fact which is clearly demonstrated by his success. He is a man of more than ordinary business ability, and one who is universally respected. He served three terms from Cameron Township, as county supervisor,

and has for eight years filled the office of school treasurer in the district where he lives. He is at present the president of Cairo Farmers' Alliance Business Association, and is a member of the A. O. U. W. Of his fine farm every acre is tillable, and all is under fence. He has a good young orchard, in fact one of the best in this part of the county. To his marriage have been born three children: Lloyd, Edith and Ervin.

Henry Wiese, farmer and stock-raiser, Grand Island, Neb. This prominent and most successful citizen was originally from Holstein, Germany, where his birth occurred in 1836, and is the second in a family of children born to the union of A. and Catherine (Wiese) Wiese, natives also of Holstein, Germany. The parents sailed from Hamburg, Germany, in the fall of 1858, on the vessel "Austria" which was burned in mid ocean, and both parents perished. Henry Wiese was educated in Holstein, Germany, and immigrated to the United States in 1856. He came direct to Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, and engaged in agricultural pursuits for some time. In 1859 he was married in Scott County to Miss Anna Wiese, a native also of Germany and the daughter of Paul and Bertha (Spaeth) Wiese, who were born in the same country. Her parents emigrated to the United States, located in Nebraska, and both died in Hall County of that State. After farming in Scott County, Iowa, until 1871, Mr. Wiese emigrated to Nebraska, and bought a partly improved farm of 174 acres in Hall County. This he has since added to and improved, until he now has 274 acres of as good land as is to be found in the county. He has good substantial buildings and is prosperous and contented. Although not active in politics, he votes with the Democratic party. He and Mrs. Wiese are members of the German Lutheran Church. To their marriage have been born six children: Lena (now Mrs. Kruger, of Hall County), Katie (now Mrs. Buttner, of Hall County), William (married, and resides in this county), Henry, Gustav, and Otto (who is married and resides at home). Mr. Wiese has seen a great many changes in the country since coming here, and has aided in all laudable enterprises for the good of his adopted

State. He has made all his property by his own exertions.

Hans Wiese has been a resident of Nebraska for the past nineteen years, and it is safe to say that there is not a man of sounder principles, or who possesses more sterling principles than he. He was born in Holstein, Germany, in 1843, being a son of Paul and Bertha (Spaeth) Wiese, the former of whom was a tiller of the soil in his native land. In 1865 he came to America, landing at New York City, and immediately went to a son who lived in Scott County, Iowa, and from that time until his death made his home with his children and died in Nebraska, at the home of his son, Hans, in 1876, having been an earnest member of the Lutheran Church for many years. His wife was born in Holstein, Germany, in 1806, and bore her husband six children, all of whom grew to maturity, and five are now living and are residents of Hall County. They all came to Nebraska at the same time, and are now the owners of good farms and are prosperous citizens. The mother was also a member of the Lutheran Church, and died in Nebraska, in June, 1883. Hans Wiese, the immediate subject of this biography, came to the United States in 1864, and landed in New York City April 14 or 15, the voyage having taken eleven days. He soon came westward, and for some time worked on a farm near Davenport, Iowa, receiving \$27 for his first month's wages. After a short time he began renting land, and two years later he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Hirt, a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1850. When three or four years old, she was taken by her parents to Davenport, Iowa, and was there reared and educated in the common schools. In 1871 Mr. Wiese came with his family to Nebraska, and for one year they resided near Grand Island on rented land, then homesteaded their present property, and here have made their home ever since. He has gradually increased his acreage until he is now the owner of 500 acres of land, well stocked and improved, and ever since locating here he has been regarded as a man of enterprising and progressive spirit, and a careful and energetic tiller of the soil. He and wife are the parents of the following children:

Emma, John William, Charles Martin, Matilda M. and August Paul. Mr. Wiese is a Democrat. Mrs. Wiese's father was born in Prussia, and at an early day emigrated to America and settled in Pennsylvania. He was married in Germany, and his wife died when Mrs. Wiese was a child. He was a laborer in an iron furnace in Pennsylvania, but is now a farmer of Iowa.

A. H. Wilhelm, a real-estate dealer and notary public of Grand Island, Neb., was born in New York City, February 20, 1849, being a son of Hyronimus N. and Sophia (Spangenberg) Wilhelm, who were from Goettingen, Hanover, Germany, and after their marriage emigrated to the United States, and in the year 1840 settled in New York City. The father was a graduate in medicine from a leading German college, and upon settling in the above-named place he practiced his profession for many years, enjoying a large and lucrative patronage, but during his declining years retired from active duty, and in 1867 passed from life at the age of sixty eight years. His wife survives him and still resides in New York. A. H. Wilhelm is the second son and fifth of seven children, and grew to manhood in his native city, being reared to a commercial life, which he followed for many years, as a knight of the gripsack. In April, 1872, he came to Grand Island, Neb., and engaged in merchandising, and from 1876 to 1882 sold agricultural implements also. In 1884 he moved to Columbus, Miss., remaining there about one year, whence he returned to Grand Island. From that time until the fall of 1889 he was book-keeper and confidential clerk for John L. Means, and at the end of that time embarked in his present occupation, and is now doing a thriving business. He was married in 1873 to Annie Sophia, eldest daughter of Hon. Edward Hooper, whose sketch appears in this work, and by her has had a family of four children: Edward, Alvin and Mabel (living) and Alice (deceased). The family worship in the Episcopal Church, and Mr. Wilhelm is a member of the A. O. U. W.

Seth W. Wilson is now successfully following the occupation to which he was reared, that of farming and fine stock-raising, a calling that has

for ages received undivided efforts from many worthy individuals, and one that has always furnished sustenance to the ready worker. His farm, which comprises 320 acres, is one of the finest for successful agricultural purposes in the county, and is well improved, with a good residence, barn and accompanying sheds for his stock, granaries, etc. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1850, and from that State removed to the State of Nebraska, in 1871, having, only a short time before coming here, been married to Miss Harriet Hartsock, a native of the "Keystone State," born in 1852. To them a family of three children have been born: Myrtle, Ora and Leon. Mr. Wilson has supported the men and measures of the Republican party ever since he attained his majority, and has held a number of local offices in his township. Mr. Wilson is a son of Ira Wilson and Mary (Hart) Wilson, who were born in New Jersey and Pennsylvania in 1811 and 1818, respectively, and removed to Nebraska in 1873, taking up their abode on a farm adjoining their son's. Mrs. Wilson is a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Bryan) Hartsock, who were born in New York and Pennsylvania, in 1809 and 1815, and died in their respective States in 1885 and 1880.

H. S. Winn, farmer and stock-raiser, Wood River, Neb. It is well known all over the county that he whose name heads this sketch is among the most influential and public-spirited citizens of Wood River Township. He was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, in 1840, and is the son of James and Eliza (Shaw) Winn, natives of Virginia. The father was born on September 30, 1808, and is now residing in the Buckeye State. H. S. Winn received a common-school education, and on August 28, 1861, he enlisted in the Second Ohio Infantry, and was taken prisoner on September 20, 1863. Previous to that he was in a number of the principal engagements, and after his capture was taken to Richmond, Va., Danville, and thence to Andersonville, where he remained until September, 1864, when he was taken to Milan, Ga., and there paroled on November 18 of that year. Thirteen of our subject's comrades went to Andersonville together and only four came out alive. For

his services Mr. Winn received \$552.50, which he invested in land in Illinois, and he is very proud of the fact that he got his first start on the money he drew while he was in prison. On April 4, 1866, he was married to Miss Fannie S. Bratton, and to them have been born seven children: Octavia A., Etta E., Oakley A. I., Viola M., Ida B., Annie E. and Lillian G. Mr. Winn remained in Illinois until 1873, when he moved to Nebraska, and is now one of the most successful and practical farmers of Hall County, in spite of mishaps and droughts. He has half a section of land, and ships and feeds a great many cattle each year. He is a member of the Farmers' Union and has his life insured for \$3,000. He is a Republican in politics, is a member of the G. A. R., and is also a member of the A. O. U. W. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Adam Windolph is the proprietor of a well-equipped and well-conducted livery and sale stable at Grand Island, Neb., and like all his countrymen, possesses those characteristics which are necessary to the successful conduct of any business. He was born in the town of Uder, kingdom of Prussia, Germany, April 28, 1833, and is the fourth child and second son born to the marriage of Andrew Windolph and Marguerite Biel. The father was a successful groceryman, although the majority of the male members of his family were husbandmen, the Biels being also followers of that calling. Adam Windolph grew to manhood in Germany, and in his youth became familiar with the details of the grocery business, which calling received his attention until 1864, when he came to America and settled at Kankakee, Ill., but only remained a few months, and after a still shorter stay in Iowa he found himself in Nebraska in the year 1865. He farmed for several years, and after dealing in live stock for some time he built a large feed barn, to which he has since given his attention. His establishment is excellently conducted and nets him a paying annual income, and besides this he is the owner of the Windolph Block, and some fine residence property in Grand Island. His wife was formerly Miss Marguerite Stender, who was born in Kirchgandern, Ger-

many in the year 1840, she being a daughter of John Stender. Mr. and Mrs. Windolph became the parents of two sons and six daughters: John (who is associated with his father in the live-stock business), Adam (who is also a stockman), Elizabeth (wife of Peter Heintz, who is engaged in the agricultural implement business in Grand Island, and by whom she is the mother of two children: Maggie and Paul), Katrina, Mary, Annie, Lena and Minnie. Mr. Windolph and his family are regular communicants of the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and he is a trustee of the same. He is a member of the Catholic Knights of America, and is a man whom all respect and esteem.

George Elliot Winn, contractor and builder and proprietor of the Grand Island planing mill, was born in the "Green Mountain State," at Windsor, in 1850, being a son of James and Adaline (Bruce) Winn, both being members of old Scotch families and natives of Vermont. Upon reaching manhood George E. Winn determined to follow the advice of Horace Greeley to young men and "go west," and the year 1877 found him in the State of Nebraska, located at what is now Benton, but the following year he came to Grand Island, and became an employe in the car shops at this place, remaining thus employed for five years. At the end of this time he engaged in contracting and building, and many of the handsomest buildings in the city were erected by him, among which may be mentioned the residences of A. H. Baker, W. H. Platt, John Voetle and W. B. Dingman. He is conducting business on an extensive scale, and gives employment to about eighteen hands throughout the year. While a resident of his native State he was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Emma S. Thornton, of Middlesex, a daughter of Stephen Thornton, and by her has two sons and two daughters: Lena, Paul, Harry, and Alice. Mr. Winn has been identified with the business interests of Hall County ever since locating here, and as a carpenter and builder he is, as all will acknowledge, an adept of a high order, and all things of a public nature which point to a material benefit of the county receive his hearty support.

Very Rev. Dean Wunibald Wolf, the able and eloquent pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church at Grand Island, Neb., and dean of the Grand Island District, was born in Westphalia, Germany, February 22, 1854. He received his education in the college of Paderborn, which institution he attended for nine years, and in 1876 he emigrated to the United States, and landed in New York City on November 1 of that year. He at once proceeded to Milwaukee, Wis., where, upon his arrival, he entered St. Francis Theological Seminary, in which institution he completed a full course, being ordained on June 27, 1880, for the diocese of Nebraska. He at once entered upon his ministerial labors, and after spending one year in Greeley County, Neb., and five years as pastor of the Roman Catholic Churches at Crete and Friend, Saline County, Neb., he on October 9, 1886, entered upon his duties as pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church at Grand Island, and here has discharged his duties with distinguished ability ever since. March 1, 1887, he was appointed by Bishop O'Connor, of Omaha, dean of the Grand Island District, and is now serving in that capacity. He is an able pastor, is a pleasant-spoken, agreeable gentleman, and is very popular with all classes.

Jesse Woodward holds an enviable position among the prominent and successful men of Hall County, Neb., and the property which he now owns has been obtained through his own earnest endeavor. He is a native of England, born in Gloucestershire, on July 22, 1832, and is a son of Jacob and Harriet Woodward, also of English birth. Jesse Woodward emigrated to the States in 1852, landing in New York City in June of that year, and first took up his abode in Washington County, N. Y., but two years later went to Worcester, Mass., which place he made his home for several years. He was married there March 24, 1868, to Miss Hannah A. Wentworth, a native of Connecticut, and a daughter of Benjamin Wentworth, and there resided until he came west and settled in Hall County, Neb., on an island in the Platte River, where he remained for about eighteen months engaged in cutting and hauling

wood. At the end of this time he moved to the town of Grand Island, and after residing here one year took up a homestead claim, and now has eighty acres in a good state of cultivation, on which are erected a good residence, barn and other outbuildings. His farm is situated about two miles from town, and here he has made his home since 1870. He and wife have a family of five children: Harriet L. (wife of Byron N. Ring), Ellen F., Stephen T. (married), Laura Ann and Emma I.

David C. Zink is a straightforward and prosperous real-estate agent of Hall County, Neb. He was born in Davidson County, N. C., November 10, 1862, and is a son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Clodfelter) Zink, the former of whom was killed in the War of the Rebellion in 1863 near Richmond, Va., when about thirty-five years of age. The mother died in Liverpool, Perry County, Pa., in 1869, having removed from North Carolina to that State in 1863. David C. Zink is the youngest of three brothers, the other two members of the family being Samuel J., who was born in 1858 and now resides in Davidson County, N. C., and William D., who was born in 1854 and resides in Liverpool, Pa. David C. began to make his own way in the world at the extremely early age of seven years, and after working for his board for one year in Liverpool, and also attending school, he began working on a farm for Levi Hunter, six miles from that town, where he remained until he was sixteen years of age, then went to Harrisburg, and for two years was in the employ of Hon. Don Cameron. In 1881 he came to Grand Island, Neb., and in the spring of that year began working on a farm which was then one mile out of the town, but is now a part of the city. He continued to remain here for seven months, then entered the employ of J. B. Murray & Co., and was an efficient clerk in their grocery for about four years. In 1884 he embarked in this business on his own responsibility, and successfully conducted affairs for two years under the firm name of Zink, Hunter & Co. At the end of this time he became a traveling salesman for Kennard & Miller, of St. Joseph, Mo., and on January 1, 1888, engaged in the real-estate business under the firm name of Zink & Hathaway, which connection con-

tinued until August 1, 1889, since which time Mr. Zink has been alone in business. He is also a general loan agent, and annually handles about \$200,000. Mr. Zink is a capable and energetic man of business, and is active in every measure advanced for the general good of the city and county, and deserves much credit for the admirable way in which he has surmounted the many difficulties which have strewn his pathway from early boyhood. His marriage to Miss Nettie E., a daughter

of Levi Hunter, was consummated in 1883. His wife was born in Pennsylvania, and they were reared together, for in his youth, as above stated, he resided with Mr. Hunter for a number of years. Her mother was Sarah E. Hunter, who died in 1877. Mr. Zink is a staunch Republican, and his first presidential vote was cast for James G. Blaine. He is a member of the M. W. A., the Equitable Aid Union, and he and wife are members of the English Lutheran Church.

