

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

OLNEY CITY AND TOWNSHIP.

COLONEL W. E. ALCORN was born in Baltimore, Md., April 17, 1818, and is the son of James and Margaret (Carnahan) Alcorn. The former, a native of Ireland, came to America with his parents when four years of age. He served thirty-two years in the United States Navy, as Sailing-Master and Captain ; he assisted in sinking the Government ships near Fort McHenry, to keep the British from capturing them ; his navy service ceased at the election of Gen. Jackson for President, owing to a difference of opinion politically, after which he went to Alexandria, D. C., where he manufactured sails for ships, for a number of years ; he finally received a pension of \$10,000; he then moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, at which place he died in 1847, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. His wife also died in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1863, in the eighty-fifth year of her age. Our subject, in 1828, shipped on board the ship "Eagle," of Boston, and went to Europe, and returned, and then shipped on a brig and went to the West Indies, and followed seafaring until 1840, at which time he went to steamboating, and has navigated the principal rivers of the United States. In 1850 he engaged in manufacturing all steamboat appliances, and continued at this a number of years. In 1866 he came to Richland County, Ill., and located on a farm of 850 acres near Noble, where he lived until 1880, when he moved to his fine residence near Olney. In the late war he served as First Lieutenant in the "One Hundred Days Service." He has been married twice ; first, in 1847, to Miss Ann Row, a native of Indiana ; she died in 1862, the mother of six children. The only living one is James W. He next married, in 1864, Mary J. Vandolah. To them have been born ten children—George S., Philip S., Grant, Henry Clay, Annie A., Laura, Clara, Ethel, Bessie, and John (deceased). Col. Alcorn is a radical Republican.

HON. JAMES C. ALLEN, one of the respected citizens of the county, was born in Shelby County, Ky., on January 29, 1822, and is the seventh of ten children born to Benjamin and Margaret (Youel) Allen, both natives of Virginia. Benjamin was educated and married in his native State, where in early life he engaged in the manufacture of sickles. Afterward, he engaged in blacksmithing and farming. In 1802 he removed to Shelby County, Ky., and thence, in 1830, to Parke County, Ind., where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1847. From early life he was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he was for over thirty years an elder. James C. Allen, our subject, received his early edu-

cation in the log schoolhouse of olden time. Afterward he attended a high school at Rockville, Ind. Most of the time until he was nineteen years of age he was employed on his father's farm. He then commenced reading law in the office of Messrs. Howard & Wright of Rockville, Ind., and in August, 1843, he was admitted to the bar as a lawyer. In December following, he moved to Sullivan, Ind., where he was engaged in the practice until the autumn of 1845, when he was elected Prosecuting Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Indiana, holding the office two years. In 1847 he removed to Palestine, Crawford County, Ill., where he resided about twenty-nine consecutive years. In 1850-51, he represented Crawford and Jasper counties in the lower house of the State Legislature. In 1852, he was elected to Congress from the Seventh Congressional District of Illinois, and was re-elected in 1854. In 1857 he was elected Clerk of the House of Representatives, serving during the Thirty-Fifth Congress. In 1860 he was the Democratic candidate for Governor of Illinois, but was defeated by Richard Yates. In 1861 he was elected Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, which position he held until the fall of 1862, when he was elected Congressman-at-large for Illinois. In 1861, Gov. Yates tendered him the command of the Twenty-First Illinois Infantry, which was afterward commanded by Gen. Grant; and in 1862, President Lincoln tendered him the command of a brigade. Having no military taste or training, he declined both offers. In 1870, he was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of Illinois, and in June, 1873, was elected Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit. Removing to Olney in 1876—where he has since resided—in 1877 he was appointed one of the Appellate Judges for the Fourth District of Illinois. He held this office until 1879, when he resumed the practice of his profession. The Judge is the President of the Toledo, Texas & Rio Grande Railway, now being constructed. He was first married, January 22, 1845, to Ellen Kitchell, youngest daughter of the Hon. Joseph Kitchell. To this union were born three children, all deceased. Mrs. Allen died in May, 1852. He was next married in June, 1857, to Julia A. Kitchell, daughter of Harvey Kitchell. Seven children were born to this union, all of whom are still living. Both the Judge and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. His first wife was also a member. In politics the Judge is a staunch Democrat, although during the late war he was known as a "war Democrat." His life has been an unusually active and eventful one.

ELLIS W. ALLEY, grocer, was born in Franklin County, Ind., May 1, 1857, and is the second child of five born to Joseph W. and Emma (Foster) Alley, natives of Franklin County, and of Irish extraction. Joseph W. was educated and married in his native State and county, and there followed agricultural pursuits until 1868, when he removed to Denver Township, in this county. He bought a farm and resided there until his death, on December 29, 1875. He and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

and he belonged to the I. O. O. F. Ellis W. received a good common school education, and was employed on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years old. From 1878 until 1882 he was engaged in teaching during the winter, while he still worked on a farm in the summer season. As a teacher, Mr. Alley succeeded admirably. On January 1, 1883, he opened a grocery store at Olney, Ill., and is at present doing a thriving business there. He is yet unmarried. In politics he is a Republican, and is a very enterprising and much-esteemed young man of Olney.

SOL. BACHARACH, dealer in clothing, was born in Bavaria, on May 29, 1838, and is second in a family of seven children born to Moritz and Fannie (Rosenfeld) Bacharach, both Bavarians. Moritz was educated in his native country, and also married there. He learned the tanners' trade, and followed it in connection with the wholesale leather trade, for many years. In 1851 or 1852, he emigrated with his wife and family to the United States, and settled in New York City, where he resided until the end of his days, on June 10, 1883, at the age of seventy-four. Mr. Bacharach was employed, after coming to this country, in the manufacture of cigars, and in a general mercantile trade. He invented an improved street urinal and an improved garbage box. Sol, our subject, received limited advantages in the subjects of learning, in Bavaria, but being ambitious, he labored earnestly to acquire a knowledge of things pertaining to business, and has succeeded in acquiring it. When twelve years of age, he commenced learning the tailors' trade, but after two years was compelled to abandon it on account of ill health. He came to New York with his parents, clerked in a clothing store, and remained there until 1854. He was then employed in the same capacity at Shelbyville, Ky., Keokuk, Iowa, Quincy, Ill., Cincinnati, Ohio, and in July of the year 1863, came to Olney, where he opened an independent clothing store. His business is very successful and extensive, and he carries a stock amounting to from \$15,000 to \$20,000; average sales annually being \$25,000. In 1875, Mr. Bacharach erected a handsome brick block, one of the first erected in southern Illinois, and here conducts his business. In 1869, August 23, he married Bertha Bacharach, who bore three children, of whom one, Alice, is living. Mrs. Bacharach died April 19, 1875. On February 6, 1876, Mr. Bacharach married Clara Foreman, of Chicago, and to this union three children have been given. Mr. Bacharach is a member of Olney Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M., Richland Chapter, No. 38, R. A. M., and Olney Council, No. 55, R. & S. M. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., and of Olney Lodge, No. 76, A. O. U. W., of which he is a charter member, and also of the Etz Chaim Lodge, No. 205, I. O. B. B. He is a Republican, and a very prominent business man.

DARIUS BAIRD, hardware, was born in Medina County, Ohio, August 18, 1837, and is the third of nine children born to Asa H. and Lucy (Tanner) Baird, both natives of Vermont, and of Irish and English descent respectively. Asa H. settled in Medina County,

and married there, when a young man. He followed contracting on public works, and also agriculture to some extent. In 1837 he removed to Lawrence County, Ill., bought a farm and saw-mill, and during this time built and graded the bridges of twelve miles of the State road. In 1841 he came to Olney, and built the Commercial House, continuing in the hotel business until his death. He kept the stage stand for the Saint-Louis & Cincinnati Stage Company. He owned an eighty acre farm upon which the southwest part of Olney now stands. He built the first permanent court house of the county, and was for several years County Assessor and Deputy Sheriff. He and wife were members of the Christian Church. Darius was poorly educated. His father died when he was about ten or twelve years old, and he and his brother assisted their mother in managing the farm and hotel for several years. In 1860 he went into a store at Olney, and remained one year as salesman. He then engaged in the livery business until 1866, and in 1867 went to Lathrop, Clinton Co., Mo., and engaged in the hardware business. Mr. Baird remained there until 1875, when he returned to Olney, and has since been following an extensive heavy hardware trade here. He carries a large and well-selected stock in his line, and is extensively patronized. He was married in 1862, to Rose A. McWilliams, of Noble County, Ohio. Three children were given to them, one of whom is living. Mr. Baird and wife are Congregationalists. He is a Republican, and an old settler of our county.

SAMUEL J. BAKER, photographer, was born in Orleans, Orange County, Ind., on January 31, 1855, and is the ninth of eleven children born to John and Sarah A. (Dillard) Baker, natives of Woodford County, Ky., and of Orange County, Ind., and of Holland and English descent respectively. When three years old, in 1815, John was taken to Orange (now Washington) County, Ind., and received his schooling in log schoolhouses only. He was married April 6, 1837, to Sarah A. Dillard. He was a stone mason, studied law, and also served as Justice of the Peace and Auditor, each one term. In 1859 he removed to Vincennes, and still lives there, and where he practiced his profession until 1864, and also was Judge of the Third Judicial Court of Indiana. Mrs. Baker died March 31, 1871. In August, 1875, Mr. Baker married Lida Carnahan. He is a Protestant, also a Democrat. Samuel J. was well educated, at Vincennes, Ind., assisted his father on the farm, and at seventeen began to learn photography. He has followed that business ever since, at Princeton, Ill., Troy, Ohio, and in 1877 located at Olney, and took charge of the gallery formerly owned by his brother-in-law, Mr. J. Rush, who died on the first day of that year. Myra B. Rush, his widow, and our subject's sister, still owns an interest in the business. Their gallery is finely located and conveniently arranged, and is one of the best in southern Illinois. Mr. Baker is a Baptist, and his sister a Presbyterian. Mr. Baker belongs to Richland Lodge, No. 180, Olney Encampment, No. 61, I. O. O. F., in which he is Past Grand of the Subordinate Lodge.

DR. ORRIS A. BATTSON was born in Sullivan County, Ind., January 25, 1827, is the second in a family of four children given to Jonathan M. and Rachel (Marney) Battson, natives of Kentucky, and Knox County, Ind., and of English and Scotch descent, respectively. Jonathan M. was educated, married, and early followed the carpenters' and builders' trade, in his native State. In about 1816 he removed to Carlisle, Sullivan Co., Ind., where he still followed his chosen profession, until his death, which occurred in 1858. He was several years a Justice of the Peace in Sullivan County, and was also a Captain in the State Militia. Mr. and Mrs. Battson were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Orris A. received a good education at Bloomington and Greencastle universities, and at the age of nineteen began the study of medicine with Dr. A. M. Murphy, at Carlisle, Ind. In 1846-47 he attended the medical department of the University of Louisville, Ky., and in 1847 commenced the practice of the profession he had chosen, in his native county, Sullivan, where he remained one year. In 1848 he came to Claremont, Richland Co., Ill., and continued practicing, finally succeeding in establishing a very lucrative business. In 1881, Dr. Battson concluded to change his residence again, and located here at Olney, where he is firmly established in a paying practice. In 1850 the Doctor was married to Harriett Snyder, a native of Lawrence County, Ill., and a daughter of John Snyder, a pioneer of this county. They have had seven children, five of whom are now living. Dr. Battson was for two years a member of the Board of Supervisors of Richland County. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and a respected pioneer of the county.

HON. W. F. BECK, editor of the *Olney Times*, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, July 31, 1848, and when but little more than three years old, in 1852, was brought by his parents to the United States. They first settled at Circleville, Ohio, where they remained two years; then they came to Olney, Richland County, where Mr. Beck was successfully engaged in merchandising, until his death. Mrs. Beck is still living, and resides at Olney. Hon. W. F. Beck received a good common school and academic education, in youth, and afterward graduated from Finley & Nicholson's Commercial College. Soon after this, he engaged in merchandising at Olney, and speedily became one of the successful and leading dealers of the city. In 1881 he purchased the *Olney Times*, the Democratic organ of the county, of which he is at present editor and proprietor. At the age of twenty-two he was elected Clerk of the city of Olney, and was successively re-elected to that office for seven years; afterwards he was elected one of the councilmen of the city. In 1879 he was elected one of the Board of County Commissioners, of which body he was appointed chairman, and in November of the same year, was appointed Master in Chancery of Richland County. Mr. Beck is a charter member of Olney Lodge, No. 76, A. O. U. W., instituted in May, 1877, of which Lodge he was the first Master Workman. In 1879, he represented his Lodge in the Grand Lodge

of the State, and has been a member of that body ever since. In 1881 he again represented his Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the State. As a member of the Grand Lodge, he has served on the railroad, legislative and finance committees. As a member of the legislative committee, he helped to frame and secure the adoption of the law creating the office of Grand Medical Examiner. In 1882 he was elected Grand Overseer, and is at present Grand Foreman of the State, that being the second highest office in the Grand Lodge. He is also a member of Olney Legion, No. 18, Select Knights, A. O. U. W., of which order he is at present V. C. Mr. Beck is also a charter member and was one of the first officers of Marmion Lodge, No. 52, K. of P., of Olney, Ill. He is also a member of the Grand Lodge of that order, has served on various important committees, and held the office of G. I. G. In addition to the above, Mr. Beck is also a prominent Mason, being a member of the four Masonic bodies of the city, and of Peoria Consistory, Scottish Rites, or S. P. R. S., in which he has advanced next to the highest, or thirty-second degree of Masonry.

JAMES M. BELL was born June 3, 1841, in Washington County, Penn.; the family lived there till he was eight years old; they then removed to Ohio; in 1850 they removed to Richmond County; the following year his father entered 120 acres of land, where he died in 1871, aged seventy-one years. Eighty acres of this land, with the homestead, he deeded to his son James M. In 1861, our subject enlisted in Company D, First Missouri Engineers. This regiment was engaged in repairing and making roads, also building fortifications. He was promoted to Corporal, November 1, 1862, served three years, and participated in the siege of New Madrid, the fight at Island No. 10, the siege of Corinth, the advance of Gen. Grant's army to Oxford, Miss., siege of Vicksburg, siege of Atlanta, and battle of Jonesboro. He returned to Olney, September 1, 1864, and has since followed farming. He was married December 22, 1870, to Mary E. Bolinger, of Calhoun. They have two children, Viola W. and Mary J.

CHRISTIAN BOHREN, born December 25, 1817, in Switzerland, is the son of Fred Bohren, who was also born in Switzerland, and who died when Christian was small. The latter was brought up by his brother and sister; he learned the carpenter and cabinet-making trade, and in 1849 immigrated to America, stopped at Louisville about three months, and thence moved to Saint Louis. In the fall of 1849, he came to Olney, where he has since lived, and has followed his trade; the past fifteen years he has been engaged in farming. He owns twenty-five acres in the city where he resides, also a store building, which he rents. He was married, February 27, 1852, to Susan Van Alman, who was born in Switzerland. He has two daughters by his first marriage—Anna, wife of Christ. Yorke, and Susan, wife of Christ. Hazlen.

JOHN BOHREN, blacksmith, born in Switzerland, January 2, 1844, is the son of John and Elizabeth (Knoose) Bohren, both born

in Switzerland. They immigrated to Richland County in 1852. The father was a shoemaker, and died in Olney, December 15, 1879. Mr. Bohren, in 1865, began learning blacksmithing with the O. & M. R. R., and worked for that company seven years, after which he began business for himself, and has followed it ever since. February 2, 1865, he married Rebecca Nuding, daughter of Jacob and Susan (Tobias) Nuding. She was born in Ohio, February 8, 1845. Five children have been born to them, John, George J., Charles F., Lydia and Laura. Mr. Bohren is a member of the A. O. U. W., and the Select Knights, and politically he is a Republican.

WILLIAM BOURELL was born August 12, 1819, in Northumberland County, Penn., and there lived till the age of fourteen, when the family moved to Butler County, Ohio. In 1842 he married Ann E. Schroyer, of Butler County. She died in 1869, aged forty-one years, the mother of five sons—John F., George E., Joseph N., Thornton A. and David W., all born in Ohio. Mr. Bourell's second marriage, in 1871, was to Mrs. Dowens, of Coshoc-ton County, Ohio, formerly Lydia Thompson. Mr. Bourell carried on farming in Ohio till coming to Richland County. He now owns a farm, where he resides, of fifty-two acres, which is improved, with a fine orchard of twenty-five acres. Part of this orchard is eleven years old, and is one of the finest in the county. Last year he sold from this orchard over \$1,500 worth of apples. This year he has sold \$1,000 worth, and has still on hand about \$400 worth. His principal apple is the "Ben Davis," although he raises large quantities of different varieties.

HENRY L. BOWER, born July 14, 1834, in Ashland County, Ohio, is the son of P. P. Bower, who was born in Germany. At the age of seven he came with his father to Richland County, learned the coopers' trade in Olney, and followed this till 1862, when he enlisted in Company B, Ninety-Eighth Illinois (Mounted) Infantry, and served till the end of the war; he then went to Clay City, and worked at the coopers' trade two years; he then removed to Alton, where he worked two years; then returned to Olney, and continued at his trade about two years; since this time he has been engaged in farming; also the past three years in the milk business; He owns ten acres in Section 9, where he now lives. He was married in 1861 to Caroline Howland, who was born in Ohio, and who died in 1867, aged thirty-two, leaving two sons. His second marriage, in 1868, was to Mary E. Edwards, who was born in Edwards County, Illinois. This union is blessed with one son.

HON. WILLIAM BOWER, druggist and cigar manufacturer, was born in Olney, Ill., May 21, 1842, and was the second person born within the limits of the village after it was laid out. He was the second child born to Philip P. and Mary (Dundore) Bower, the former a native of Germany, and the latter of Pennsylvania, but of Swedish and German descent. At the age of twenty years Philip P. Bower emigrated to this country, first settling in Pennsylvania. In 1840 he came to Illinois and settled in what is

now Olney, where for many years he followed the trade of cabinet-maker, operating at the same time a large farm. In 1856 he engaged in merchandising, at Olney, but after many years retired to his farm, where his death occurred in the autumn of 1873, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was one of the most prominent pioneers of Richland County. He and his wife were both members of the Evangelical Church, to which church and its schools he was a large contributor, providing in his will for the building of the present church structure of that denomination, one of the finest in the city. William Bower, our subject, received a fair common school education in his youth. Afterward he attended school at the old log schoolhouse (still standing) of Olney, and finished his education at the Olney Seminary. His mother died in 1856, shortly after which event he left home and commenced for himself as a teacher. He next commenced the trade of marble-cutter; after a few months' experience, he engaged as an apprentice at watch-making, but never finished the trade. He then served an apprenticeship of two years at the tanners' trade. In the spring of 1861, he enlisted in the Eighth Illinois Infantry, for three months' service. On his return home he taught a six months' term of school, and in the spring of 1862 he re-enlisted in Company I, Thirty-Eighth Illinois Infantry, and participated in all the engagements of the regiment until October, 1863, when he was taken prisoner, paroled and sent home. He was never exchanged, but after the close of the war received his honorable discharge. In the fall of 1863 he engaged in the drug trade, and, by industry and energy, has built up a large business. During the last seven years he has been extensively engaged in the manufacture of cigars. He is also the agent of the Standard Oil Company, at Olney. He carries a stock of from \$12,000 to \$15,000 of goods, and his annual sales, in all departments, amount to from \$50,000 to \$60,000. In 1876 Mr. Bower was nominated by the Democratic Convention for Representative in the Legislature. This he however declined, and accepted the nomination on the Greenback ticket for the State Senate. Two years later he was again nominated for the Legislature by the Democrats of the Forty-Fourth District, and carried the district by a large majority. He was an active member of the Thirty-First General Assembly, where he originated some important measures. On November 29, 1864, Mr. Bower was married to Sarah E. Ridgway, a daughter of Dr. E. W. Ridgway, of Olney. Four children have been born to them, three of whom are still living. Mr. Bower belongs to no church, but is a member of the A. F. & A. M., of the A. O. U. W., and of the G. A. R.

ELI BOWYER, M. D., ex-Brevet-Brigadier-General, Postmaster at Olney, Ill., was born in Warren County, Ohio, March 20, 1818, and is the third of nine children born to John and Jane (Shepler) Bowyer, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Pennsylvania. The Bowyers were of English and German, and the Sheplers of English, Scotch and Irish descent. The Bowyers in America are descended from an old English family who settled

in Rockbridge County, Va., in the early colonization of that State. John Bowyer received a good common school and academic education in youth. When only a small lad he removed with his parents to Pennsylvania, and while he was yet a young man, in 1802, the family removed to southwestern Ohio. John finally settled in Warren County, Ohio, where he bought a body of unimproved land, erected a cabin, and subsequently improved a farm. Here he resided until his death. Eli Bowyer, the subject of our sketch, received the major part of his education at the Harveysburgh Academy, in his native county. On leaving school he commenced life as a teacher, and continued in this avocation for two years. He then began the study of medicine with Dr. J. G. Paulding, of Warren County, and continued his medical studies for a further period of eighteen months, under the instruction of Prof. Jesse P. Judkins, of Cincinnati. He attended lectures primarily at the Wilmoughby University, and finally at the Ohio Medical College, in Cincinnati, where he graduated in 1844. He then commenced the practice of his profession at Mason, Warren County, Ohio, where he resided during the following two years. At the expiration of that time he removed to Prairieton, Ind., and was professionally engaged in that city for seven years. From Prairieton he removed to Sullivan, in the same State. Here he remained for seven years, when he was again compelled to change his location, on account of failing health. In 1860, he came to Olney, Ill., where for several months he relinquished the practice of medicine. In 1861 he entered the United States Army as Assistant Surgeon of the Eleventh Missouri Infantry, which was composed principally of Illinois volunteers. In 1862 he was made Division Surgeon, under Gen. Plummer, by order of Gen. Pope. Subsequently he was commissioned Major, then Lieutenant-Colonel, and finally, after the battle of Vicksburg, Colonel of the regiment. He entered upon his duties as a commanding officer without previous military training, but by diligent study, although almost constantly in front of the enemy, he became proficient in the art. In March, 1865, he was brevetted Brigadier-General, by President Johnson, as stated in his commission, "for gallant and meritorious service." He participated in all the principal battles in which the Army of the Southwest was engaged. Among them were the sieges of Vicksburg, Jackson, New Madrid and Island No. 10, the battles of Corinth, Iuka and Nashville, where he was wounded in the left arm and left leg. He was mustered out with his regiment, in January, 1866, at Saint Louis, Mo. His patriotism, bravery, and ability as a commanding officer, are abundantly attested by his high testimonials from such General officers as L. F. Hubbard, D. W. Magee, John McArthur, A. J. Smith and J. A. Mower. After the close of the war he returned to Olney, where he resumed the practice of his profession. In 1867 he represented the counties of Clay and Richland in the State Legislature. In 1870 he was appointed one of the trustees of the Southern Normal University, and officiated as president of the Board.

In December, 1879, he was commissioned postmaster at Olney, which position he still holds. The Doctor was married in October, 1844, to Martha A. Cox, a native of Warren County, Ohio. Two daughters blessed their union, viz. : Mary J. and Emma K. (now Mrs. H. C. Luders of Philadelphia). The elder daughter, Mary J., was a graduate of the Ohio Female College, but died three years after receiving her degree, from injuries received during a fire at that institution. Both the Doctor and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is also a member of Olney Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M., Richland Lodge, No. 180, I. O. O. F., and of the G. A. R. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and is one of the representative men, not only of the county, but of the State.

JOHN C. BROCKMAN was born in Germany, January 31, 1830, and is the fifth of ten children born to Peter and Anna (Gieschen) Brockman, both natives of Germany. Peter Brockman was educated and married in Germany, where in early youth he learned the carpenters' trade, and followed the same all his life. John C. Brockman, our subject, received a fair education in the common schools of Hanover, Germany. In early life he learned the carpenters' trade with his father. In 1848 he emigrated to the United States, first settling at Saint Louis, Mo., where he followed his trade for some eighteen months. He was then employed as a salesman in a drug, and then in a grocery store, for about three years. In 1855 he started a confectionery of his own, in Saint Louis, and continued in that business for one year. In 1856 he removed to Newton, Jasper Co., Ill., where he was engaged in the drug and grocery trade for some six years. During the war he was engaged in the sutler business, principally with the Army of the Cumberland. After his return he came to Olney, Ill., where he, in company with Mr. David Scott and Mr. Theodore Schifferstine, engaged in general merchandising, under the firm name of Scott, Schifferstine & Co. After about seven years, Mr. Schifferstine retired, since which time the business has been conducted under the firm name of Scott & Brockman. They carry a large and well-selected stock of dry goods, hats and caps, boots and shoes, clothing, groceries provisions and queensware, and are doing an extensive business. Mr. Brockman was for one term County Treasurer of Jasper County, Ill., and is at present a member of the Board of Supervisors of Richland County. He was married in 1854, to Johanna Greninger, a native of Switzerland. Five children have blessed their union, only three of whom are yet living. Mr. Brockman's family are of the Catholic faith. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. In politics he is a Republican, and is one of the prominent and leading business men of the city and county.

JUDGE R. S. CANBY was born in Greene County, Ohio, September 30, 1808, and is the son of Joseph and Lydia (Pedrick) Canby, the former a native of Loudoun County, Va., and born in May, 1781, and a prominent physician, who died in Logan County, Ohio, in February, 1843. His wife was a native of New Jersey,

born in 1787, and died in Lebanon, Ohio. Our subject received a larger part of his education at Oxford, Butler County, Ohio. In 1829 he engaged in the mercantile business at Bellefontaine, Ohio, and while thus engaged, read law with Mr. B. Stanton. In 1840, he began the practice of law; in 1845 he was elected to the Legislature; in 1846, he was elected from the Twelfth Congressional District of Ohio as a member of Congress. After filling this honorable position, he moved on 1,000 acres, and engaged in farming for a number of years. He afterward removed to Bellefontaine, to educate his children. In March, 1863, he moved to Olney, Ill., where he again resumed law. June, 1867, he was elected Judge of the Circuit Court, which office he creditably filled for six years, after which he resumed law, which he continued until 1882, since which time he has lived retired. March 16, 1835, he married Eliza Simpson, of Chillicothe, Ohio; she died in January, 1867. Judge Canby was a Whig, before the organization of the Republican party, since which time he has been a Republican. He is highly esteemed, and a most worthy citizen, and is a member of the Swedenborg Church.

ALVIN CLEM, of the firm of A. & J. Clem, tile manufacturers, was born August 15, 1849, in Delaware County, Ind., and is the son of Joel and Magdaline (Kessler) Clem. His father was born in Pennsylvania, reared in Ohio, and he worked at the millwright and other kinds of business. In 1853 the family removed to Richland County, settled on what was known as the Harmon Farm; there the father died, in 1858, aged fifty-four years; the mother died in 1877, aged sixty-four years. Alvin owns forty acres in Section 9, where he now resides, which is improved, with a very comfortable house, barn, and other outbuildings. He, with his brother Josiah, commenced the manufacture of tile, in 1883. He was married in 1870, to Catharine Feutz, who was born in Germany. Josiah owns sixty acres where this factory is located. He was married in 1868, to Alice Banks, of Vermont. They have two children, one son and one daughter.

CAPTAIN JOHN S. COCHENNOUR, district agent and adjuster of Rockford Insurance Company, was born in Ashland County, Ohio, December 7, 1840, and is the oldest of seven children born to Daniel and Harriet A. (Smalley) Cochennour, natives of Pennsylvania and Ashland County, Ohio, and of German and Scotch descent. Daniel had a fair education in his native State, being a schoolmate of Thad Stevens. He learned the tailors' trade. In 1841 he moved to what is now Bonpas Township, in this county, and farmed and worked at his trade for a number of years. He afterward moved to Claremont, and followed the mercantile and stock raising trades until his death in 1876. He was in the communion of the Catholic Church until some years before death, when he united with the Methodist Episcopal denomination. The education of John S. was limited to the log schoolhouse of Illinois, and he assisted upon the home farm until April 14, 1861,

when he entered the United States Army, enrolling in Company I, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served three months, engaging in one battle, Charleston, Mo. He re-enlisted on December 24, 1861, in Company H, Sixtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until February 17, 1865, when he was discharged at Cincinnati on account of a wound received at Jonesborough, on the Georgian campaign, and from which he lost his left leg. He rose to the rank of Captain, passing through most of the intermediate grades. He was made Captain in the latter part of 1863. On his return from the army he was immediately made Collector of Olney, receiving all the votes but eleven. He served one year, and has since been employed in various trading pursuits. For the past two years Capt. Cochennour has been employed as district and adjusting agent for the Rockford Insurance Company. In 1874 he, with an assistant, captured and imprisoned a gang of seven of the worst desperadoes that ever infested southern Illinois. Our Captain was married, in March, 1864, to Caroline C., a daughter of Sylvester and Elizabeth Utterback, of this place. One son and a daughter bless this marriage. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. and G. A. R.

WILLIAM R. COMBS was born April 5, 1826, in Philadelphia. In 1831 his parents removed to what is now Vinton County, Ohio; there he was reared on his father's farm. In the fall of 1841 they came to Richland County, and settled in Preston Township. In 1855 his father removed to Missouri, where he died at the age of eighty-one. The subject of this sketch, in 1847, bought fifty-six acres in German Township; this he improved, and afterwards sold. January 6, 1855, he returned to Olney, and with the exception of having spent four years in north Missouri, has resided here ever since. Mr. Combs has been eight years Constable and Deputy Sheriff. He enlisted, May 14, 1864, in Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Illinois Infantry, and served his term of enlistment of one hundred days. He was married, November 23, 1848, to Sarah M. Chaney, who was born September 8, 1829, in Olney Township, Richland Co., Ill. They had nine children, five of whom are living, Benjamin F., William L., Cynthia E. (wife of Theo. Cotchell, of Mercer County, Mo.), Charles L. and Emma L. (now attending school). They are members of the Baptist Church.

B. F. COMBS, master carpenter for the O. & M. Railway, was born September 9, 1849, in German Township, Richland County. At about the age of thirteen he commenced to learn the carpenters' trade with his father, who had been carrying on this business. In about 1870, he secured employment with the O. & M. Railway, and for the past six years has been foreman of the pile-driver and construction gang. He was married September 12, 1880, to Eliza, daughter of Elbert Sands. She was born in Lawrence County, Ill. Her parents removed to New York City when she was about three years old, and there she was reared and received a collegiate education. This marriage is blessed with one daughter. Mr. Combs enlisted, in 1864, in

Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Illinois Infantry, as drummer, and served his term of enlistment—one hundred days.

JAMES R. DALES, hotel proprietor, was born in Livingston County, N. Y., August 30, 1824, and is the fifth of seven children born to Hugh and Margaret (Blakeley) Dales, both natives of New York and of Irish ancestry. Hugh received a fair education and married in his native State, and early in life moved to Livingston County, N. Y., where he was one of the first settlers. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death in 1859. He and wife were members of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. He was a soldier during the war of 1812. James R. had the advantages of good common schooling and academic instruction in New York. He assisted his father upon the farm work until his twenty-sixth year. He then went to Cuylerville and engaged in merchandising there for many years, and where he was Justice of the Peace, also, for some time. In 1861 he went to Fulton County, Ind., and followed agricultural pursuits for four years, and was a Trustee in that county. In 1866, Mr. Dales went to Enfield, White Co., Ill., lived there three years and during two-thirds of the time kept a hotel. In 1869, he went to Fairfield, Wayne County, also kept a hotel for several years; in 1877, came to Olney, and has since resided here, and followed the same business. He is now proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, one of the best on the O. & M. Railway. Mr. Dales has been twice married. On November 2, 1848, he wedded Susan A. Scott, a union blessed by six children, of whom four daughters and one son are living. Mrs. Dales departed this life on August 17, 1881, and April 18, 1883, Mr. Dales was united to Olive D. (Cole) Fraser, a native of Oswego County, N. Y. Our subject has been many years Justice of the Peace in Fairfield, and for over thirty years a Presbyterian, and is much interested in Sunday-school matters, having had a Bible class in Olney ever since he has lived here. He has helped organize three churches.

ANDREW DARLING was born at Berwickshire, in the parish of Preston, Scotland, in November, 1820, and came to this country with his father's family in 1825. In 1847, he came to Olney and opened a store on Main Street. Here he entered into a partnership with William Newell, which continued until 1852. At this time the O. & M. Railroad was in process of construction, and in connection with Joseph Harmon he took a contract upon the road, which continued for two years. In connection with and following upon this, he engaged in the sale of real estate; and on the completion of the road, took charge of the Olney House in partnership with Alfred Kitchell. February 20, 1850, he married a daughter of Hon. James M. McLean. She died in 1861. Mr. Darling was a large contributor to the building of the Presbyterian Church of Olney, and to the support of the ministry. On the breaking out of the war he received an appointment in the Provost Marshal's office, which place he held until the office was abolished. In 1866, the First National Bank of Olney was organized, largely through his instrumentality, and he

was appointed cashier, which office he held till his death, which occurred April 28, 1874. In 1866 he was married to Ada Clubb, daughter of Canada Clubb, one of the pioneers of Illinois. In 1873 Mr. Darling joined the Congregational Church. Mr. Darling possessed, to a remarkable degree, a power of attaching to himself very warm friends.

GEORGE P. DAVIS, Township Constable and general collector, was born in Blount County, Tenn., March 5, 1837, and is the second in a family of ten children (all living) born to John and Martha (Maxwell) Davis, both natives of Tennessee, and of Scotch and Irish descent respectively. The grandfather of our subject, John Davis, Sr., was a veteran of the Revolutionary war, and was the last pensioner of that war at Knoxville, Tenn. His death occurred in January, 1859, in his one hundred and fifth year. John Davis, Jr., is a carpenter by trade, and followed the same in connection with farming, in Tennessee, until 1878 or 1879, when he removed to Hopkinsville, Ky., where he still resides. He was Major in the Tennessee State Militia for several years. He and wife are members of the Christian Church. George P. Davis, the subject, received a fair education at the subscription schools of his native State, and was employed on his father's farm until he was twenty-five years old. In March, 1862, he was conscripted for service in the rebel army, but being a Union man he joined a company of refugees and came north, arriving at Newton, Ill., June 14, 1862. The next year he commenced teaching, and taught for some four years in Jasper County. He was then engaged in agricultural pursuits in the same county for some three years. In 1869 he removed to Claremont, Richland Co., Ill., where in the following year he was elected Constable. In the spring of 1872 he came to Olney, and in the following spring he was elected Constable, which office he has held ever since. In the fall of 1878, he was appointed Deputy Sheriff of Richland County, and held that office until the fall of 1882. He was married March 26, 1863, to Margaret A. Maxwell, a native of Boone County, Ind. Six children have been born to them, four of whom are living. Mr. Davis belongs to no church, but is a member of Olney Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M., and also of Olney Lodge, No. 76, A. O. U. W., and of the Olney Lodge of Select Knights A. O. U. W. In politics Mr. Davis is a Democrat, and is one of the enterprising and prominent citizens of the city and county.

SYLVESTER J. ECKENRODE was born in Franklin County, Penn., April 24, 1838, the oldest of four children born to Conrad and Catharine A. (Cain) Eckenrode, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of German and English descent respectively. Conrad Eckenrode in early life learned the millers' trade, following it until 1848, when he engaged in farming, which he continued until his death which occurred in 1863. Sylvester J. Eckenrode, the subject, received a common school education in youth, and was employed on his father's farm until he was twenty years old. He then learned the brick masons' trade, which he followed for about four years. In October,

1861, he enlisted in Company I, Ninth Pennsylvania Cavalry and served with that regiment in all its marches and engagements until nearly the close of the war, being mustered out at Savannah, Ga., in January, 1865. He participated in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Knoxville, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta and many other lesser engagements. He also accompanied Gen. Sherman's army in the memorable march to the sea. After his return from the army he opened a small country store at Amberson's Valley, Franklin Co., Penn., where he remained until 1871, when he removed to Sumner, Lawrence Co., Ill., where he engaged in general merchandising. He was also extensively engaged in the grain and agricultural implement trade. In 1881, he sold out his business at Sumner and bought a large farm in Noble Township, Richland Co., Ill., where he engaged extensively in agricultural pursuits until the spring of 1883, when he was compelled to relinquish farming on account of failing health. In September, 1883, he opened a dry goods store at Olney, Ill. He carries a large and well selected stock of dry goods, boots and shoes, hats and caps, and carpets—the latter being a specialty—amounting to about \$30,000. His is by far the largest stock of the kind in the city. He was married in August, 1865, to Mary E. McElheney, a native of Pennsylvania. Eight children were born to them, only six of whom, four sons and two daughters, are living. Both he and wife are members of the Catholic Church. In politics Mr. Eckenrode is independent.

D. L. EDMISTON, grocer, was born January 31, 1837, in Clark County, Ind. He is the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Newell) Edmiston, who were natives of Ohio. His father worked at the painters' trade, also engaged in farming pursuits. In about 1850, the family emigrated to Illinois; settled in Claremont Township, and there the subject of this sketch was reared. He enlisted, in 1862, in Company H, One Hundred and Thirtieth Illinois Infantry, which was afterward consolidated with the Seventy-Seventh Illinois. He served three years and participated in the engagements at Magnolia Hills, Black River, siege of Vicksburg, Jackson and others. At the close of the war Mr. Edmiston came to Olney and engaged in painting, and continued this business till 1878. On account of failing health he was obliged to abandon this trade; then bought out the grocery house of B. F. Moore and has since been engaged in this business; he also carries on a branch store which he opened in September, 1883.

CHRISTIAN EGGLER was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, December 13, 1838, and is the eldest of nine children, eight still living, born to William and Anna (Weiss) Egglar. William Egglar was educated, reared and married in Switzerland, his native land, and was employed there as an engineer on a steamboat for many years. In 1850, or 1851, he came to Richland County and entered and bought 300 acres of wild land, in Preston Township. He improved a farm and resided upon it until his death, on January 1, 1877. For many years Mr. Egglar ran the engine in Mr. Newell's

pork packing establishment, at Olney. He and wife belonged to the German Reformed Church. Christian Egger, the subject, received a limited education in his native Switzerland. At the age of eleven years he emigrated to the United States, with his parents. In October, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Benton Cadets, who formed a part of Gen. Fremont's body-guard. He was mustered out in January, 1862. He was then employed as a laborer about the pork and grain house of John Gun, of Olney, for some two years. After this he was employed as engineer in the Butler Street Flouring Mills for some sixteen years. While here the boiler bursted and he narrowly escaped with his life. During this time he also owned an interest in, and a part of the time helped to run the first steam threshing machine ever run in Richland County. In April, 1882, he purchased an interest in a saloon, in company with Henry Von Allmen, at Olney, and is still engaged in that business. In 1865, Mr. Egger married Phebe A. Arnold, a native of this county. They have had nine children, of whom two sons and four daughters are living. The parents are members of the German Reformed Church. He belongs to the Subordinate and Select Knights, to the A. O. U. W., in which he is now I. W., and to the G. A. R.

GOTTLIEB EGGLER, dealer in boots and shoes, was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, March 16, 1845, and is the fifth of the nine children born to William and Anna (Weiss) Egger. Gottlieb received only an ordinary education in rude schoolhouses. In the spring of 1863, he began to learn the shoemakers' trade. In May, 1864, he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served with that regiment until October 22, 1864, when he was mustered out, at Springfield, Ill. He then finished learning his chosen trade, and worked for several years at it. In 1870, he opened a boot and shoe house, and has followed this business ever since. He has a very well selected stock of goods and has a large patronage. In the year 1866, he wedded Maria O., daughter of Lloyd Rawlings, a pioneer and noted hunter. They have had three children—one son and two daughters. The parents belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Egger has held various official positions. He is a member of Olney Post, No. 19, G. A. R., and is a staunch Republican. He is an early settler, and is very prominent in business circles.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT (deceased) was born in Rowan County, N. C., in 1810. At an early day his father, James Elliott, moved to Barren County, Ky., from there to Washington, Ind., with the intention of coming to Illinois, but was prevented from settling in the territory on account of the war of 1812. As soon after as practical he settled in Lawrence County, Ill., near Sumner. In 1824, William moved with his father to where Olney now stands. Here he purchased 160 acres of land of David Rollins. Some of the principal portion of Olney has been built on this. In 1851, James, the father of William, died. The latter improved so well the opportunities that were at that day offered to him that at his death, in

1874, he was worth upwards of \$50,000. He was twice married—first to Elizabeth Shidler, in 1828, by whom he had two sons. This lady died in 1830. In 1834, he married Alta Webster, a native of New York. John Elliott, the only living child of William Elliott, was born in Richland County, Ill., November 3, 1833, and with the exception of two years he has resided on the old homestead. He has been married three times—first, December 12, 1854, to Ann M., daughter of Lemuel and Clarissa (Broughton) Truitt. She was born in Maryland, February 14, 1836, died April 12, 1863. She was the mother of three children—Jeannette, born February 25, 1855; Ira G., born October 24, 1860, died July 20, 1880, and Harry F., born March 15, 1862. Mr. E. next married, April 27, 1865, Evalena B. Grass, she being the daughter of Alford H. and Susan Snyder. She was born in Lawrence County, Ill., July 3, 1838, and died August 29, 1873; four children were born to them—James H., born January 26, 1866; William, born July 16, 1868; Robert, born September 18, 1869, and John, born September 12, 1870; died March 8, 1871. Mr. E. was next married, December 9, 1875, to Mrs. Mary A. Zook, daughter of Jacob and Martha (Dunbar) Willhous. She was born in Berks County, Penn., October 16, 1838. One child has been born to them—Walter, born February 23, 1876; died January 15, 1877. Mr. E., as was his father, is a Democrat and public spirited, taking an active part in all local enterprises that pertain to the better interests of the community. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church.

WILLIAM FERRIMAN was born in the Island of Jamaica, November 10, 1835, and is the fifth of fifteen children born to George and Elizabeth A. (McGill) Ferriman. William was educated in the English subscription schools of Edwards County. At the age of twenty-one he went to Grayville, and was employed there as salesman in a wholesale and retail hardware and grocery store for about five years. On April 15, the day after the firing on Fort Sumter, Mr. Ferriman, being patriotic, went to Albion and helped recruit a company of 102 men, which was disbanded after repairing to Camp Anna, near Jonesboro, Ill., the quota being full. In September he helped recruit Company I, Thirty-Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was elected First Lieutenant. In the spring of 1862 he was made Quartermaster of that regiment, and served till October, 1864, when it was mustered out of the service, at Jonesboro, Ga., by reason of expiration of the term. Our subject again engaged in a general mercantile trade at Noble, in this county, and was also a contractor on a railroad. In 1869 he went on the road as a commercial traveler, in which capacity he has been engaged ever since. Mr. Ferriman married, September 6, 1866, Alice H., daughter of Judge John M. Wilson, one of Olney's pioneers. They have one child, a son—Frederick H. Mr. Ferriman is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and S. P. R. S.

CHARLES FERRIMAN was born in Albion, Edwards Co., Ill., July 28, 1842, and is the ninth of fifteen children born to George

and Elizabeth A. (McGill) Ferriman, natives of England and of the Island of Jamaica, respectively. George was brought up in the parish of Westmoreland, was married there and followed mercantile pursuits, and was a sea captain, as his father owned vessels running from the West Indies to England. In 1837 he came to the United States, and to Albion, Edwards Co., Ill., followed merchandising until his death, June 14, 1863, in the communion of the Episcopal Church. His wife is a member, and they founded that branch of the church which is in Albion. Charles received a good education, and at thirteen years of age went into his father's store. He remained until he was twenty, then went to Bridgeport and opened a general store for G. Kleinwart, remaining there eighteen months. In the spring of 1864 he enlisted in Company I, Eighteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but was soon discharged, and in that fall engaged as traveling salesman for firms in Cincinnati until 1872, when he engaged in a wholesale trade on his own account there, in company with Gideon Burton. In January, 1878, he sold out and was a traveling salesman and collector for Shipley, Crane & Co.'s boot and shoe house, in Cincinnati, and is still employed by them. In November, 1876, Mr. Ferriman came to Olney, and has lived here since. He has a large sample-room over the Olney National Bank, and his residence is very fine, and is tastefully arranged. He has been a member of the City Council for a term. Mr. Ferriman was married September 12, 1867, to Mary A., daughter of Henry Ocorr, of Hartford, Conn. Her father participated in the border wars in Kansas, and now lives in Milwaukee, Wis. They have two children, a son and one daughter. They are communicants of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Ferriman is a member of A. F. & A. M.; R. A. M.; R. & S. M., and S. P. R. S., is a Republican, and for years has been chairman of the Republican Central Committee for the Sixteenth Congressional District.

FRANCIS H. FISK, M. D., was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 15, 1836, and is the eldest of six children born to Robert W. and Mary O. (Ransom) Fisk, the former a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., and the latter of Cincinnati, Ohio. In early life, Robert W. Fisk removed to Cincinnati, where he learned the trade of a boiler maker and machinist, at which he became an expert. He put in the engines and machinery for the first water works erected in Cincinnati. He also put in the machinery, and for a time was engineer on one of the first steamboats on the Ohio River. In 1840 he removed to Ripley County, Ind., where he soon after commenced the study of medicine at Milan, Ind. In 1850 he graduated from the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio. He then commenced the practice of his profession in Indiana, where he remained until 1861, when he came to Olney, Ill. Here he practiced with good success until his death, which occurred in June, 1874. He was a member of the Universalist Church, and also of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities. He was commissioned Assistant Surgeon in the Volunteer Service of the United States during the late Civil

war, but soon afterward resigned. In 1856 he was elected by the Democratic party of Ripley County, Ind., to the State Senate. Francis H. Fisk, the subject of our sketch, received a good common school and academic education in youth. At the age of eighteen years he commenced the study of medicine with his father, and in 1857 graduated from the Eclectic Medical Institute, of Cincinnati, Ohio. In September of the same year, he went to Arkansas, where he commenced the practice of his profession, remaining about two years. In 1859 he went to the Choctaw Nation where he practiced for another two years, and then went into the Cherokee Nation, where he practiced most of the time during the late civil war, being Surgeon of the First Cherokee Regiment (that of Col. Stand Waite), C. S. A. Waite was afterwards appointed Brigadier-General, and Dr. Fisk served on his staff as Surgeon. In the latter part of 1865 he removed to Upshur County, Texas, where he practiced until 1869, when he went to Springfield, Mo., and where he remained until 1874; thence to Saint Louis, Mo., remaining only one year. In 1875 the Doctor came to Olney, Ill., where he has since practiced his profession with success. He was married in May, 1866, to Lizzie (Heaslet) Witcher, a native of Texas, and a niece of Senator Matt Ward, of Texas. Three children have been left to them, one son and two daughters. Both the Doctor and wife are members of the Congregational Church. He is also a member of Olney Lodge, No. 76, A. O. U. W., and of Olney Legion No. 18, Select Knights, A. O. U. W. He is Vice President of the Eclectic Medical Association of the State of Illinois, and holds a prominent position in the National Eclectic Medical Association. In politics he is a Democrat.

CALVIN U. FISHEL was born in North Carolina, December 22, 1846, and is the second of nine children born to William and Regina (Vogler) Fishel, both natives of North Carolina, and of German descent. William Fishel was educated and married in his native State, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years. In 1850 he removed to Bartholomew County, Ind., where he was also engaged in farming. In 1867 he came to Richland County, Ill., where he resided until his death, which occurred April 20, 1879. He and his wife were members of the Moravian Church. Calvin U. Fishel, the subject of our sketch, received only an ordinary common school education in the primitive log schoolhouse of the Indiana frontier. He was employed on his father's farm until he was sixteen years old. In May, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, Sixty-Seventh Indiana Infantry, and in the following September he was taken prisoner at Munfordville, Ky., and after about forty days was paroled on the field. In November, 1862, he was transferred to the Eighteenth (United States) Infantry, from which regiment he was discharged in May, 1863, at Indianapolis, Ind. In December, 1863, he again enlisted, in Company A, One Hundred and Thirtieth Indiana Infantry, in which Company he was second duty Sergeant. On August 6, 1864, at Atlanta, Ga., he was severely wounded in the right hip, and was again wounded in the right

breast, at Nashville, Tenn., December 15, 1864. He rejoined his regiment at Washington, D. C., in February, 1865, and accompanied it in the Wilmington expedition. He was mustered out with his regiment, December 2, 1865, at Charlotte, N. C. After his return from the army, he was employed as a farm laborer in Bartholomew County, Ind. In 1867 he removed to Tipton County, Ind., in August, 1868, came to Olney, Ill., and in October, 1872, went back to Tipton County, Ind., but in December, 1876, he returned to Olney, where he has since resided. He was first married February 19, 1868, to Louvina A. Bess, a native of Indiana. Three children blessed their union, and all are yet living. Mrs. Fishel died September 28, 1876. Mr. Fishel was next married, October 31, 1879, to Mrs. Elizabeth J. (Midkiff) Clark, who died May 18, 1883. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Fishel was next married in November, 1883, to Mrs. Mary E. (Lemkey) Wachtel, a native of Illinois. She is a member of the P. M. Church. Mr. Fishel is a member of Olney Post, No. 92, G. A. R.

ROBERT FLEMING, of Combs & Fleming, saw, corn and feed mills, was born November 5, 1830, in Ireland, and was a son of James Fleming, a teacher in Ireland for twenty-seven years in one school. In 1849 they emigrated to the United States, and came to Highland County, Ohio, and there followed farming. In 1854 Robert came with his parents to Olney, and has since followed the business of milling. The firm of which he is a partner was established on August 1, 1883. The capacity of this mill is about 200 bushels of corn and feed, and 4,000 feet of lumber, per day. Mr. Fleming has been a member of the Board of school directors for four years in Olney, and of the Board of County Commissioners for one year. He was married in the year 1851, to Christina Caley, a native of Highland County, Ohio. She died in 1876, leaving five sons and two daughters. She was in her forty-seventh year. In 1879 Mr. Fleming married Mary E. Baldwin, of Indiana, and she is the mother of three children.

DAVID FLEMING, farmer, was born March 17, 1837, in county Tyrone, Ireland; he is the son of James Fleming, who followed the profession of teaching, in his native land, having taught in one school twenty-seven years. In 1849 the family emigrated to Highland County, Ohio, and there engaged in farming; in 1854 they came to Richland County, Ill. David remained in Ohio till the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted, in 1861, in Company I, Thirty-Ninth Ohio Infantry, served four years and fifteen days, and participated in the sieges of New Madrid and Island No. 10, and the battles of Iuka and Corinth, and was with Sherman in most of his engagements on his march to the sea. At the close of the war he returned to Ohio, remaining there but a short time; he then came to Olney, and has lived here and in the vicinity since. He owns a farm of thirty acres where he resides, and is devoted to farming pursuits. He has been two years a member of the City Council. He was married in 1874 to S. L. Brown, of Saint Johns,

N. B. One daughter gladdens their home. Mr. Fleming is a member of the G. A. R.

CHARLES B. FLETCHER was born in Hardin County, Ky., January 3, 1838, and the following year his parents came to Lawrence (now Richland) County, and located three miles east of Olney ; there his father entered forty acres of land, lived there six years, then moved to this township and entered forty acres prairie, also forty acres in the timber. His father lived here till his death, which occurred in the fall of 1867, in his sixtieth year. Charles B. now owns this land, and having added to it, owns in all 120 acres. He married, in 1861, Aurelia F. Blain, of Hancock County, Ky. She died March 12, 1882, in her forty-fourth year, the mother of seven children—William H., James A., Daniel B., John W., Jacob B., George F. and Mary E. The past seventeen years Mr. Fletcher has been a school director. He is now Highway Commissioner.

THEO. A. & DAN. W. FRITCHEY, proprietors of the *Olney Republican*, were the fifth and youngest respectively in a family of eight children born to Benjamin and Elizabeth (McQueeny) Fritchey, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of German and Irish descent. Benjamin Fritchey was educated and married in his native State. He, early in life, engaged in mercantile pursuits at Harrisburg, Penn., where he remained for several years ; he then removed to Peoria, Ill., where he remained about two years, when he returned to Pennsylvania. He next removed to Baltimore, Montgomery Co., Ohio, where he was engaged in the general mercantile business for several years, afterwards removing to Darke County, Ohio, where he remained some ten years. He returned to Montgomery County, and in 1870 came to Olney, where he was engaged in merchandising until his death, which occurred in April, 1876. Mr. Fritchey and wife both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Fritchey is still living at Olney, and her sons, the subjects of this sketch, make their home with her. Theo. A. was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, April 24, 1855. He received only an ordinary common school education, and at the age of twenty, formed a partnership with his cousin, G. W. Fritchey, in the grocery business at Olney. After about eighteen months he retired from the business, and entered the office of Wilson & Hutchinson, as a law student, and was admitted to the bar in February, 1880. In June, 1881, he formed a partnership with Judge James C. Allen, the firm being known as Allen & Fritchey. It is one of the leading firms of the county. Mr. Fritchey was City Attorney for one, and City Clerk for two terms. He is a member of K. of P., and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. In May, 1881, he purchased *The Richland County Republican*, and since changed it to the *Olney Republican*. Dan. W. was born in Darke County, Ohio, September 16, 1862, and received a good common school and academic education. At the age of thirteen he commenced to learn the printers' trade, with E. B. Barnard, of the *Olney Times*, with whom he remained for four years. He was deputy postmaster at Olney for about eighteen

months. Since May, 1881, he has had the editorial charge of the *Olney Republican*, and is the accredited correspondent of the *Saint Louis Globe-Democrat* and *Chicago Tribune* for Richland County.

JACOB FRITSCHLE was born October 25, 1814, in Baden, Germany. At the age of fourteen he came with his parents to Stark County, Ohio; there they settled on a farm. In 1839 he came to Lawrence (now Richland) County, where he entered ninety-five acres, which he improved as his means would allow, and added from time to time, until he had in all over 300 acres, ninety acres of which he has sold to his son. He has a very comfortable brick house, which he built in 1862, at a cost of about \$1,500. His barn was built in 1881, and cost \$550. Other buildings cost about \$300. He was married, in 1838, to Lydia Steffe, of York County, Penn. She died in 1855, aged thirty-five years, the mother of nine children—John, Sarah, Jeremiah, Isaac, Sophia, Henry, David, Louise and Margaret. His second marriage, in August, 1856, was to Elizabeth Smith, of Carroll County, Ohio. They have had six children, five living—Susanna, Mary, George, Martin and William. They lost Davis, October 6, 1872, in his eleventh year. Susanna is now the wife of the Rev. A. E. Best, of New Bethlehem, Clarion Co., Penn., where he is actively engaged in the ministry.

MRS. HARRIET GADAU, formerly Harriet Arnold, was born in Olney Township, June 7, 1841. Her parents were among the earliest settlers of the county. She married Peter Sherer, December 10, 1857; he was born in Germany, April 29, 1830. When six years of age he came with his parents to America; they remained a short time in Ohio, then came to this locality, where he lived till his death. He became the father of ten children, eight living—George, Elizabeth, Anna, John, Peter, Margaret, Minnie E. and Harriet. Henry Gadau married Mrs. Sherer, August 15, 1882. He is a native of Germany, and has resided in Edwards County the past fifteen years, where he owns a farm.

FRANK P. GILLESPIE, County Treasurer, was born in Washington County, Penn., October 13, 1838, and was the seventh of ten children born to William L. and Elizabeth (Beall) Gillespie, natives of Washington County, and of Irish and English descent respectively. William was educated and married in Pennsylvania, where he followed farming until the spring of 1853, when he removed to Illinois, settling first near Springfield, and residing there for some three years. In 1856 he came to Jasper County, and bought a farm near Saint Marie, where he lived until his death, on May 27, 1862. His wife died one week later, on June 5, 1862. They were both devout members of the Catholic Church. During the administration of Taylor and Fillmore, Mr. Gillespie was a clerk in the Census Department at Washington. Frank P. received a good education, and was employed on his father's farm until he was twenty-five years of age, when he began clerking in a store at Olney, remaining there some fifteen years. In November, 1877, he was elected Treasurer of Richland County, and was re-elected in the

year 1879, and again in 1882, the latter time for four years. Mr. Gillespie was married September 12, 1864, to Mary A. Kelly, of York, Penn. Four children have been born to them, of whom two, John B. and Ellen L., are living. He and wife are both members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Gillespie is a Democrat in politics, and one of the leading citizens of Richland County.

HENRY GÖDEKE was born in the Province of Hanover, Germany, April 9, 1849, and is the youngest of five children born to Frederick C. and Johanna F. (Walbrecht) Godeke, both natives of Hanover. Frederick C. Godeke in early life learned the weavers' trade, following it in connection with farming several years. He was for a time a soldier in the Hanoverian Army. In 1858 he emigrated to the United States and settled in Warrick County, Ind., where he bought a farm, and where he resided until his death, July 10, 1860. Henry Godeke, the subject of our sketch, received a fair common school education in his native land, and also in the United States. At the age of seventeen he went to learn the gunsmiths' and tanners' trades, at Georgetown, Ohio, serving an apprenticeship of four and a half years, after which he followed the gunsmiths' trade as a journeyman. In 1873 he opened a gunsmiths' shop at Columbus, Ky., where he remained one year. In 1874 he came to Olney, Ill., where he opened a shop and has since been doing a good business. He was married, November 28, 1876, to Lizzie Von Alman, a native of Indiana. Two children have blessed their union. Mr. Godeke is a member of no church. Mrs. Godeke is a member of the German Reformed Church. Mr. Godeke is a member of the Olney Lodge, No. 76, A. O. U. W., and of the Select Order of Uniformed Knights, A. O. U. W. In politics he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM GODEJOHANN, cigar manufacturer, was born in Prussia, October 21, 1849, of parents Casper and Franziska C. (Moehlenbrock) Godejohann, Prussians, William being their only child. Casper was brought up and married in his native land, and followed agricultural pursuits. In 1857, he brought his family across the ocean to the United States, settling first in Macon County, Ill. He remained there until 1865, when he went to Belleville. In 1864, his wife died, in the membership of the Lutheran Church. In 1865, Mr. Godejohann remarried, and moved to Fayetteville, and in 1873, came here, then returned to Fayetteville, living there until his death, March 26, 1882, belonging to the Lutheran Church. William's schooling was very limited. He worked on a farm until his sixteenth year, when he was apprenticed to the trade of cigar-making at Belleville, serving there for three years, when he worked for the firm from which he had received his instruction for about seven and a half years, became a partner, and in 1873, exchanged stock with P. J. Kaercher, of Olney, and to-day has a successful trade. He employs from seven to twelve men, and is turning out about 350,000 cigars annually. His is the most extensive factory in this part of the State, and his trade extends through southwestern Indiana. In 1871, he married Louise Lubben, of Saint Louis, Mo. They have had four children,

of whom three are living. Mr. Godejohann belongs to Olney Lodge No. 76, Olney Legion, No. 18, Uniform Order of Select Knights, A. O. U. W., and is a Republican.

JOHN GRUBER, boots and shoes, was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, February 12, 1847, and is the oldest of four children born to John and Susan (Ameter) Gruber, both natives of Switzerland. John Gruber, Sr., was educated and married in his native land, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years. In 1850, he emigrated to the United States and settled in Olney Township, Richland Co., Ill., where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in the summer of 1853. John Gruber, Jr., the subject, received a limited common school education in youth, but has by his own endeavors, since he became a man, acquired a fair practical business education. After his father's death he made his home with his uncle and stepfather, until he was seventeen years old, when he went to learn the shoemakers' trade, serving an apprenticeship of two and a half years. He followed the trade until 1869, when he was employed as a salesman in a leather store at Olney, for about three years. In 1872, he removed to Mount Carmel, Ill., where he was engaged in the draying business for fourteen months. He then returned to Olney, where he was again employed in the same leather store until 1879. He then accepted a position as traveling salesman for a harness and collar manufacturing house in Evansville, Ind., and continued in that business for fourteen months. In the fall of 1881, he opened a boot and shoe store at Olney, and has since done a good business, in that line. In August, 1876, he was appointed school treasurer of Olney Township, which office he still holds, and in the spring of 1883, was elected Clerk of the same township. He was married, October 23, 1870, to Frances F. Dorney, a native of Wabash County, Ill. Six children were born to them, only three of whom are living. Mr. Gruber is a member of Olney Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M., also, Richland Lodge, No. 180, and Olney Encampment, No. 61, I. O. O. F. Of the last named body, he is at present treasurer. He is a Democrat, and one of the enterprising business men of the city.

JOHN VON GUNTEN, JR., County Clerk, was born in Olney, December 27, 1853, and is the second of the nine children born to John and Catherine (Hauck) Von Gunten, natives respectively of Berne, Switzerland, and of Germany. John, Sr., was a baker and followed his trade for a time in his native land. When a young man, in 1849, he emigrated to the United States, and settled at Louisville, Ky., working at his trade for a few months. In the same year he came to Olney, and again followed his trade for three years, when he was married. In 1852, he engaged in the dry goods business here, and continued in it until 1879, at which time he retired from active business. Mr. Von Gunten, Sr., and his wife are members of the German Reformed Church. He was one of the Aldermen for a time, and assisted in securing brick sidewalks for the city of Olney. He was also a director for the G. M. Railway, which was consolidated

with another road during his term of service, and became the P., D. & E. Railway. John, Jr., was well educated at the Olney common schools, from his fifteenth year until he went into his father's store, and took charge of his business for about one year. In 1877, he ran for County Clerk on the Democratic ticket, and was elected to that office in 1882, and still holds it. He belongs to the Olney Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M., of which he is W. M., and also to Richland Chapter, No. 38, R. A. M., Olney Council, No. 55, R. & S. M., and Gorin Commandery, No. 14, K. T. In politics Mr. Von Gunten is a Democrat, and is one of this county's most enterprising and prominent men.

HARVEY M. HALL was born in Amherst, Hancock County, Maine, February 9, 1838, and is the oldest of five children born to Henry and Lucy E. (Archer) Hall, both natives of Hancock County, Maine, and of Scotch and English descent, respectively. In early life Henry Hall graduated at the Polytechnic College, of Bangor, Maine, and for some years after was employed as a civil engineer in his native State. In about 1854, he purchased 160 acres of wild land in Switzerland County, Ind. Two years later he moved on the place with his family, erected a small frame house, and subsequently improved a farm upon which he resided until his death, which occurred in August, 1859. Harvey M. Hall, the subject of our sketch, received a good scientific and mathematical education at the Polytechnic College, of Bangor, Maine, in youth. At the age of fifteen years, he left the college and went into the ship yard at Ellsworth, Maine, to work for his uncle, where he learned the trade of ship-building. In the latter part of 1857, he came West, remaining about six months with his parents in southern Indiana. He then went to Hannibal, Mo., where he was employed as engineer in the construction of the Hannibal & Saint Joseph Railway, and afterward in the bridge department of the same road, until in October, 1863, when he returned to Switzerland County, Ind. In August, 1864, he recruited Company I, One Hundred and Seventeenth Indiana Infantry, in three days, of which Company he was commissioned Captain. He remained with his regiment until the close of the war. Immediately after his return from the army he was employed as foreman in the bridge department of the O. & M. Railway, and located at Osgood, Ind. In October, 1872, he was promoted to assistant superintendent of bridges and building for the West and Springfield Divisions of said railway. October 1, 1881, he was appointed superintendent of bridges, building and water supplies, for the entire line of the O. & M. Railway, which position he still holds. As a civil engineer, architect and draughtsman, Mr. Hall has no superior in the Southwest. He was married in 1858, to Olive Montanye, of Switzerland County, Ind. Three children, all living, have blessed their union. Mrs. Hall is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Hall is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, being a member of all the Masonic Lodges of Olney, viz.: A. F. & A. M., R. A. M., R. & S. M. and K. T. He is also a member of Peoria Consistory S. P. R. S. He was W. M. of

Osgood Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in Indiana for four years, and is now serving his second term as Commander of Gorin Commandery No. 14, K. T.

ALONZO E. HARRELL, foreman and draughtsman in O. & M. Railway shops at Olney, Ill., was born in New Marion, Ripley Co., Ind., December 20, 1853, and is one of seven children born to William D. and Nancy A. (Hill) Harrell, natives of Indiana, and of English lineage. William D. was educated and married in his native State. He learned the trade of wagon maker, and later on, that of carpenter, which he followed for a number of years. For the last three years of his life he was employed as a bridge carpenter on the O. & M. Railway. He died on June 4, 1877, in his forty-seventh year, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of the A. F. & A. M., R. A. M. and I. O. O. F. Mrs. Harrell was a Baptist. Alonzo E. Harrell was well educated in a classic and scientific way. August 6, 1872, he began on the bridge construction form of the O. & M. Railway, and has steadily advanced. He is now chief assistant in the office of the superintendent of bridges, buildings and water supplies on said railroad. In November, 1881, Mr. Harrell came to Olney, and has since resided here. On October 1, 1876, he married Helen H. Franck, a native of New Albany, Ind., and a daughter of John P. and Virginia (Crook) Franck, early settlers of New Albany. Mr. Harrell is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is also of the Masonic Fraternity, and is a staunch Republican. He is one of our most prominent and enterprising citizens.

CHRISTIAN HASLER was born in Switzerland, August 20, 1845, and is the youngest of four living children born to Peter and Margaret (Von Allman) Hasler, both natives of Switzerland. Peter Hasler was educated and married in his native land, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1853. Christian Hasler, the subject, received a fair education in the common schools of Switzerland and the United States. In 1857 his mother and family emigrated to the United States, and settled in Olney, Ill. Here he was employed on a farm in the summer, and attended school during the winter season, until he was seventeen years old. He then served an apprenticeship of three years at the harness-makers' trade. Soon after completing his trade, he opened a shop at Olney, where he has since been doing a successful business. He is the most extensive manufacturer of harnesses and saddles in the county. In February, 1865, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-Fifth Illinois Infantry, and served with that regiment until the close of the war, being mustered out at Murfreesboro, Tenn., in September, 1865. He was married in October, 1868, to Susan Bohran, a native of Switzerland. Seven children have been born to them, only five of whom are living. He and his wife are both members of the German Reformed Church. He is also a member of Olney Lodge No. 140, A. F. & A. M.; Richland Chapter No. 38, R. A. M., and Richland Lodge, No. 180, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Democrat.

ISAIAH HEAP (deceased) was born August 2, 1825, in Ohio, and in 1839 he came to this locality, and worked for his brother-in-law till the age of twenty-one when he married Rachel G. Powell. She was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, March 18, 1825. He died April 30, 1882, the father of the following children:—Benjamin F., Samuel D., Margaret Ann (now Mrs. Crawley), Rebecca J. (now Mrs. McClure), Isaiah, Clara Belle, and Emma May. Mary Alice died in 1882, aged twenty years. Mr. Heap, with his son Benjamin F., served in the late war.

JOSEPH C. HERRON was born in Franklin County, Ind., January 30, 1857, and is the oldest of four children and the only son of John and Salome F. (Jenkins) Herron, the former a native of Maryland, and the latter of Indiana, and both of English descent. The ancestors of the Jenkins' in America were among the Puritans who landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1620. When but a lad, in about 1840, John Herron removed with his parents to Butler County, Ohio, where his early education was received. Afterward the family removed to Franklin County, Ind., where John was married. In early life he learned the blacksmiths' trade, which he followed for about ten years. He then learned dentistry at Mount Carmel, Ind., and has since practiced that profession in that town. In September, 1883, he removed to Olney, Ill. Joseph C. Herron, the subject, received a very fair education at the common schools, and at the National Normal, of Lebanon, Ohio. At a very early age he was employed in his father's dental office, but did not study the profession regularly until some years later. He began his career as a teacher, continuing that profession for about one year. January 1, 1877, he commenced the study of dentistry under his father's instructions, with whom he practiced for a time. On March 3, 1881, he graduated from the Ohio Dental College, of Cincinnati, and in the same month came to Olney, Ill., where he opened a dental office, and has since been doing a thriving business. When a young man he held for a time the position of assistant postmaster, at Mount Carmel, Ind. He is a member of the Universalist Church, and also of all the Masonic bodies in Olney, viz.: A. F. & A. M., R. A. M., R. & S. M., & K. T.

CHARLES HINMAN, insurance agent, was born in Bartholomew County, Ind., April 3, 1840, and is the sixth of the eight children born to Titus M. and Emily (Jeter) Hinman, natives of Pennsylvania and South Carolina, respectively, and of English descent. Titus M. was taken by his parents to Franklin County, Ind., when about ten years old. He was well educated, going through college, and afterwards married here. When sixteen years old he was engaged in the Indian wars, and distinguished himself under Gen. Harrison. He followed the distilling business in early life, but becoming convinced of the evil of such a traffic, sold his distillery for almost nothing, and in 1832, went to farming in Bartholomew County, where he lived till 1851, then to this county, and continued in the same business until his death in October, 1865. He