

the past fifty years. Our subject has been retired since 1900, when he bought a home in Walnut Hill, where he has since lived.

JOSEPH PORTER ROOT.

One of the venerable and highly respected citizens of Marion county is he whose name appears above, a man whose life has been led along useful and conservative lines, resulting in good to those with whom he came in contact and resulting in success to himself and family.

Joseph Porter Root was born August 4, 1828, in Orange county, Vermont, the son of King and Elizabeth (Bacheldor) Root, both natives of Orange county, Vermont, the former's father and mother also being natives of that county. Jethro Bacheldor was the subject's maternal grandfather. He and his wife were both natives of New Hampshire. The subject's father, who grew up and married in Vermont, was a very active man, a great drummer, and a farmer by occupation. Both he and his wife died in Vermont; the latter was a member of the Free Will Baptist church. The former was a Democrat. They were the parents of thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity and married. The subject had one brother, Lawton, a farmer, who came west in about 1838, going to Chicago and down the Mississippi river and through Southern Illinois and in two years went back to Vermont.

The subject of this sketch, who received only a limited schooling when a boy, lived at home with his parents until he reached manhood. In early life he worked as a turner at the lathe and made tool handles. In 1852 he came west unaccompanied and located in Marion county where Centralia now stands. The country was then wild and he has seen the development of the community, taking no small part in the great work. There was no railroad in the county when he came here. He went into partnership with Robert Hensley in 1854 and put up a steam saw-mill on Fulton creek, the first mill in that locality. Lumber was sawed here for the Illinois Central Railroad Company to be used in the construction of round houses, shops and buildings in general. Our subject operated the mill for about two years, when he sold it and went into partnership with Josiah Gilkey and they made wheel barrows and such implements by hand and later took up painting. He secured land and started to make a home.

Our subject was united in marriage on June 14, 1856, to Sarah Ann Stradley, of Ashville, North Carolina, who was born November 20, 1832, the daughter of David and Mary (Bruce) Stradley, the former having been born in England and the latter in North Carolina. Mr. Stradley was sent by a syndicate to Mexico to look after their interests in a silver mine, and he remained there three years. He had relatives in North Carolina, where he went and in which state he was married, and later came to Marion county, Illinois, settling in Centralia town-

ship, where he got land, where he and his wife both died.

The wife of the subject, a woman of many beautiful traits of character, passed to her rest August 24, 1898.

After his marriage our subject lived in Centralia township, having cleared land and made a good and comfortable home and where he lived in ease until the death of his wife, since which time he has lived among his children. Eight children were born to the subject and wife as follows: Mary E., born August 8, 1857, married Oliver P. Moore; they live in Jefferson county, Illinois, and are the parents of eight children, one deceased. Erastus S., the second child, was born September 20, 1859, married Celia Wood; they live in Centralia, this county, and are the parents of eight children, two being deceased; King David was born October 24, 1861, married Orphelia Van Houten, and they are the parents of four children and make their home in Centralia; Charles Burdette, who was born September 11, 1863, married Edith Creed; he is a farmer and teacher in Centralia township, being the parents of three children, one child being deceased. Joseph Elmer, the fifth child, was born May 8, 1866, is a farmer in Centralia township, married Mary Bates, and they have three children living and one dead. Jethro Bachelidor, the sixth child, was born March 4, 1870, and married Mollie Burge, of Centralia, and they have five children. Ella B. was born April 25, 1872, married Lloyd Burge, living at Hyattville, Wyoming, and they are the parents of three chil-

dren; Cyrus, the youngest child, was born October 6, 1878, married Grace Burge, of Marion county, Illinois, the daughter of Jarrett and Susan (Warren) Burge, both of this county. They were of Virginia and Tennessee stock. Jarrett Burge lived all of his life in Marion county, this state, on a farm. He now lives one mile east of Odin. His wife died in January, 1904.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Root are the parents of three children, namely: Earl, Evelyn and Lavinia. Our subject is regarded as one of the representative farmers of Centralia township, having always devoted his life to the farm. However, he has been practically retired since 1898. He is a Democrat; his wife was a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Root is a remarkably well preserved man for his advanced age, still hale and hearty. He is a great reader and is well posted. He started in life in a small way, but being industrious and a good manager, he has achieved success and is today one of the substantial men of the county.

CHARLES F. DEW.

The gentleman whose career is briefly sketched in the following lines is an influential member of the Marion County Bar, who by reason of his professional success has been honored from time to time with positions of responsibility and trust. He also holds worthy prestige as a citizen, being interested in whatever tends to benefit his fel-

low men, and in matters of public import. His reputation as an influential factor and trusted leader is duly recognized and appreciated.

Charles F. Dew is one of Illinois' native sons and a descendant of an old Virginia family that was first represented in the West by his grandfather, Rev. John Dew, a Methodist minister of much more than local repute and one of the leading men of his church in the central and southern parts of the state. This eminent pioneer divine was the intimate associate and co-laborer of the celebrated Peter Cartwright, whom he assisted in evangelistic work among the early settlers, and his name frequently occurs in the latter's autobiography and personal reminiscences. He was not only an able and earnest preacher, but also a prominent educator and to his efforts more perhaps than to those of any other man is due the founding of McKendree College, of which he was the first president. Subsequently he served for many years on the board of directors of that institution and was untiring in promoting its interests by every means at his command. He migrated from Virginia in a very early day and settled originally near Trenton, Clinton county, but spent the greater portion of his time in ministerial work in different parts of the state and establishing churches, many of which are still in existence and flourishing organization.

Henry P. Dew, son of the above and father of the subject, was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, in the year 1833. He married in 1861, Sarah C. Arrowsmith, whose

birth occurred in June, 1838, and who bore him three children, namely: Edward, died in early years, Lulu, who also died young, and Charles F., whose name introduces this sketch. Henry P. Dew departed this life at Odin, Illinois, in the year 1872, his wife, who is still living, makes her home with Charles F., her only surviving child. The Arrowsmiths moved to Illinois from Ohio and were among the early settlers of Marion county, the parents of Mrs. Dew locating near Salem in 1848. Mr. Arrowsmith purchased land and in due time became a prosperous farmer and praiseworthy citizen. He reared a family of eight children, three sons and five daughters, and with his good wife has for a number of years been sleeping the sleep of the just.

Charles F. Dew was born March 20, 1866, in Washington county, Illinois, and received his preliminary education in the public schools, this training being afterwards supplemented by a course in the high school of Centralia, where he was graduated in 1883. Actuated by an earnest desire to add to his scholastic knowledge, he subsequently entered McKendree College, where he prosecuted his studies until completing the prescribed course and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science, after which he engaged in educational work, devoting the ensuing ten years to teaching in the schools of Illinois, Missouri and Minnesota.

Mr. Dew achieved honorable distinction as an educator, and while in the profession taught in the schools of St. Louis, Kansas City, and served for some time as superin-

tendent of the public schools of Rush City, Minnesota, in the meantime receiving from his alma mater the degree of Master of Science. Although a natural teacher and fond of the work, he had no intention of making it his permanent calling. Accordingly, in 1893, he retired from the school room and began the study of law in the office of Judge William Stoker, of Centralia. After three years of close application, under the direction of that able lawyer and jurist, he took the required examination at Springfield and received his license to practice in the state and federal courts, his admission to the bar bearing the date of 1896.

The year in which he was granted his license, Mr. Dew engaged in the practice of his profession at Centralia, and after experiencing the usual difficulties which beset the young attorney at the beginning of his career, he forged rapidly to the front among the successful lawyers of the city, and in due time built up a large and satisfactory legal business. His habits of study and concentration together with his previous experience as a teacher were greatly in his favor and he brought to his profession a well disciplined mind, which enabled him to grow in public favor within a comparatively brief period. In connection with the duties of his calling, he became actively interested in political affairs and it was not long until he acquired considerable political prestige, not only locally, but in district and state matters as well. In recognition of valuable political resources as well as by reason of his fitness for the position, he was elected

City Attorney of Centralia, and so ably did he discharge his official functions that he was twice chosen his own successor. His record while looking after the interest of the municipality was without a blemish and compared favorably with those of his predecessors.

As a lawyer Mr. Dew stands deservedly high and his career thus far has been characterized by continuous advancement and a success such as few of his professional experience attain. He is well grounded in the principles of jurisprudence and by critical study has become so familiar with the leading authorities that he experiences little difficulty in applying his knowledge to practice or in successfully competing with older and more experienced men. He is regarded as a safe and judicious counselor, careful and methodical in the preparation of legal papers and all matters entrusted to him are sure to receive his earnest attention and to be attended to with promptness and dispatch.

Mr. Dew is a man of scholarly tastes and an influential factor in the literary life of Centralia. His office in the Ramer Building on North Locust street is not only frequented by clients and those deserving legal advice, but it is also a favorite resort of the intellectually inclined, for therein are frequently considered and discussed matters of high import in which only men of like tastes and inclinations have an interest. Mr. Dew is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the order of Woodmen, and the Methodist Episcopal church represents his religious creed. Although earnest in his views and

with the courage of his convictions on all subjects, he is a man of liberal ideas and only requires the same respect for his own opinions that he accords to the opinions of those who may differ from him. Mr. Dew was happily married on the 25th day of November, 1908, to Hattie H. Porter, of Centralia, daughter of William and Rose R. (Ray) Porter, early settlers of Salem. Mrs. Dew's grandfather was one of the large land owners of Marion county and for many years a leading citizen of the county in which he lived.

SAMUEL SHOOK.

The subject of this sketch has for many years ranked among the modern agriculturists of this section of the state, where his entire life has been spent, resulting in the accomplishment of a comfortable living for himself and family.

Samuel Shook was born in Centralia township, Marion county, September 15, 1845, the son of Amos and Martha (Shelton) Shook, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Georgia. Amos Shook came to Illinois when a boy with his uncle, Samuel Shook, and located near Belleville, when the present state was still a territory. The uncle procured land in Centralia township, being among the very first settlers here, early in the nineteenth century. He developed a farm, making a comfortable home. His neighbors were Indians and wild beasts, consequently he never went any place

without his rifle. He spent the remainder of his life farming in Centralia township. He was a Baptist preacher, the first in the locality, preaching around in the homes in log cabins. Amos Shook, the subject's father, who had little chance to attend school, grew up in Centralia township and was a farmer all his life, a leading Democrat in his community, but held no public office. He was a member of the Christian church. He died in 1877, and his wife passed to her rest in 1846. He was twice married, his second wife being Susan Whitchurch, of Centralia township, the daughter of William Whitchurch, of St. Clair county, this state, having been pioneers of that county.

Eight children were born to Amos Shook and his first wife, two of whom are now living, namely: Sallie, deceased; Martha Jane; Roanna, deceased; David, deceased; Lucy Ann, deceased; James H., a farmer in Wayne county, Illinois; Morris, deceased; Samuel, our subject. Two children were born to Amos Shook and his second wife, Robert and Ivy, both deceased.

Our subject had only a limited schooling in the early subscription schools, but he made the best use possible of his opportunities and is today a well read man.

Mr. Shook was happily married March 9, 1865, to Julia A. Garren, of Jefferson county, Illinois, having been born there in 1846, the daughter of Alexander and Betsy (Copple) Garren, natives of Indiana, who came to Centralia township, Marion county, Illinois, having been pioneers of that locality. Mr. Garren died in Marion county and his

wife's death occurred in Jefferson county. He was twice married, his second wife being Roxanna Hudlow, a widow. Four children were born to Alexander Garren and his first wife, namely: William, John, Eli, all three deceased; Julia Ann, the subject's wife. The following children were born to Alexander Garren and his second wife, namely: Riley, who lives in Missouri; Robert and Phœbe, both deceased; Alexander, Jr., a liveryman at Walnut Hill; Lewis, deceased.

Eight children have been born to the subject and wife, five of whom are now living, namely: Melvin, a farmer at Lane, South Dakota; Albert, a farmer in Centralia township; Ira, deceased; Plannie, deceased; George, deceased; Frank, a farmer on the old home place; Elmer, a farmer at Lane, South Dakota; Myrtle May, living in Centralia township.

After the subject's marriage he located where he now lives in Centralia township and erected a substantial house and barn and made all of the improvements on the place, which are extensive and equal to any in the county. He has lived on this place continuously since that time. He has always been a farmer and stock raiser, having been highly successful at each, being considered by his neighbors and those who know him as one of the leading farmers of the township and an excellent judge of live stock. He is a Democrat, but has held no offices. He is a member of the Christian church.

The subject is one of those patriotic citizens who felt it their duty to offer their

services in defense of their country during the sixties, consequently he enlisted in 1864 in Company F, Forty-eighth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, at Centralia. He was sent to Scottsboro, Alabama, and was wounded three times, first at Resaca, having been shot through the right shoulder. He was later wounded at Fort McAlister, having been shot through the right leg, at which battle he was also shot through the left thigh. He was under Sherman and Gen. John A. Logan in the Fifteenth Army Corps, Fourth Brigade and Fourth Division. He took part in all the battles and engagements of his regiment. After he was wounded he was first sent by boat to Bedford, South Carolina, later to New York, and then to Quincy, Illinois, where he was discharged May 13, 1865.

Mr. Shook is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 55, at Centralia, Illinois; also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Walnut Hill, this state; the Knights of Pythias at Centralia, also the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association.

HENRY L. RHODES.

No compendium such as the province of this work defines in its essential limitations will serve to present in detail the interesting life career of the subject of this sketch who is well known in Marion county, where he has long maintained his home, being now a retired railroad man and a leading member

of the Free and Accepted Masons, No. 101—a man who is entitled to the respect of his fellow men owing to the well ordered life he has led.

Harry L. Rhodes was born at Port Jarvis, Orange county, New York, May 24, 1829, the son of Simeon and Jane (McDaniels) Rhodes, the latter of Scotch-Irish ancestry, the former a native of New York and of German ancestry. Two children were born to them, Henry L., our subject, being the oldest of the two. When eight years old our subject went on the tow path where he remained for ten years. When eighteen years old he was captain of a boat on the Erie canal. After he entered the service of the Erie Railroad which was taking the place of the boat, and was afterward conductor for seven years on the New York & Erie Railroad. In April, 1856, he came to Centralia and was conductor on the Illinois Central Railroad for a period of thirty-four years, then retiring to private life. He gave these roads the very best of service and was regarded by them as among their best and most trusted employes. By his economy and industry and his judicious investments, he acquired a handsome competence and is now considered one of the well-to-do men of Centralia, where he has a good home, nicely and comfortably furnished. His success has been worthy his honorable business career.

Henry L. Rhodes married in Port Jarvis, New York, in 1853, to Sarah E. Smith, and the following children have been born to this union: George H.; Libbie is the

wife of B. F. Statlemeyer, of St. Louis; William A. died in St. Paul, Minnesota, when twenty-three years old.

Our subject came to Illinois in 1856 and began railroading as a passenger conductor on the Illinois Central, where he remained for a period of forty-three years. He was also train master for six years.

Having ever taken considerable interest in the development of Marion county in all lines, especially politically, he was elected Mayor of Centralia which office he very ably and acceptably filled for two terms. He exercises the franchise of men and measures of the Republican party, and he feels a deep interest in all political affairs and is well informed on all the leading issues of the day. He has been a frequent delegate to the county, congressional and state conventions, and in 1896 was a delegate to the Republican National Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes attend the Presbyterian church at Centralia, which they liberally support. Mr. Rhodes is a Master Mason, having filled all the stations in the local Blue Lodge. He was made mark master, past master, most excellent master and Royal Arch Mason of No. 93; then council of No. 28, having filled the highest offices of these illustrious masters for five years. He went to the Commandery and served six terms as eminent commandery of the Scottish Rite, thirty-third degree, and as a life member served as sovereign grand and inspection general in the thirty-third and last degree. Mr. Rhodes is one of Centralia's best known men.

FATHER JOHN H. BRUNS.

Although yet a young man the gentleman whose name introduces this biographical sketch has accomplished much toward ameliorating the condition of his fellow men, often laboring with disregard for his own welfare if thereby he might attain the object he sought—to make some one better, happier. Such a life as his is rare and is eminently worthy of emulation, being singularly free from all that is deteriorating or paltry, for his influence is at all times uplifting and thousands of people have been made better for having known him.

Father John H. Bruns, who has done such a commendable work in promulgating the interests of the Catholic church and school in Centralia, Illinois, was born in Borken, Germany, June 30, 1870, the son of Joseph and Adalaid (Rademacher) Bruns, being the oldest child of a family of eight children. He came to America in 1880. His early education was obtained in the common schools of Europe and partly at Pinckneyville, Illinois. Under the Franciscan Fathers at Tentropolis, near Effingham, he studied the classics and graduated in 1891 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and as the valedictorian of his class. He afterward took a degree, Master of Arts, in a school of philosophy at Quincy, Illinois. Then he took a three years' course in theology at St. Francis, near Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Being ambitious our subject applied himself in a most assiduous manner to his studies and made an excellent record in all those schools.

Father Bruns was ordained to the priesthood June 16, 1895, and soon thereafter assigned to be assistant pastor at St. Peter's cathedral, Belleville, Illinois, where he remained for a period of eight years, having in the meantime accomplished much in the building up of this organization and winning a lasting monument in the hearts of the people of that church. He was appointed pastor at Centralia August 20, 1903, and is at this writing, 1908, carrying on the work here with that discretion, energy and devotion that insures abundant success. Many improvements have been inaugurated since his coming, among which might well be mentioned the installation of a new and modern heating system in the church and school, an addition to the school building, costing about three thousand and one hundred dollars, the purchase of a cemetery at a cost of one thousand and five hundred dollars, also the purchase of a hospital site at a cost of four thousand dollars. He has labored faithfully in the building up of the church and the school, the former now representing one hundred and sixty families, and there are at this writing one hundred and fifty-six pupils enrolled in the school. Three teachers are employed and the course includes the eighth grade work and a complete course of bookkeeping. Six sisters are employed to take care of the sick. When the work on the new hospital is completed a large number of sisters of the highest efficiency will be constantly engaged to care for the sick and those who are brought for treatment. The church building is one of the handsomest in the city and would be

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a pride to any city, having cost fifty thousand dollars. The parsonage cost four thousand dollars, and the school building proper cost five thousand dollars, the second floor of the school building having an elegant hall and stage, where entertainments and other exercises are held, such as socials for the church and the school. The original building of the hospital will cost when completed about twenty-five thousand dollars. It will be so built that new additions can be added without marring the beauty and unity of any part.

It has been no small task to do what Father Bruns has done. It required much hard work and a zeal and perseverance that only those who were closely connected with and took active part in the work of the parish can clearly understand and appreciate. Beside the business end of the work, he has been busy in building up the parish and raising the spiritual standing of the congregation, which is now in a good condition, both temporal and spiritual.

In the purchase of property, the erection of buildings and in looking after the transactions attendant upon them he has shown business tact and energy, as well as a spirit of devotion to his church. His acts, both spiritual and temporal, have met with the united approval of his own people and all others. But these are too well known to require further detailed mention, and the writer knows that whatever of good the reverend priest may have accomplished he would far rather have it engraved on the hearts of the people than to be put into

print, and that the approval of his own conscience and of his Divine Master are the reward he wishes for his labors in behalf of the church.

LEWIS H. REED.

The subject of this sketch has well earned the honor to be addressed as one of the progressive, public-spirited men of Marion county, since from the beginning of his residence here he has been conspicuously active, securing for himself the comforts of life and home and an ample competence for his declining years. Mr. Reed's home is at Centralia, where he is engaged in the drug business and wherever he is known he is held in the highest esteem owing to his life of honor and industry.

Lewis H. Reed was born in Vermilion county, Indiana, December 20, 1849, the son of John W. and Sarah (Ralston) Reed, the former having been born August 3, 1822, in Stokes county, North Carolina. He came to Indiana in 1832 with his parents, whose family consisted of six children, five boys and one girl, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth. His mother was born February 7, 1827, in Brown county, Ohio, near Georgetown, and she came to Indiana when quite small, her family having located in Vermilion county. She was one of a family of five children, being the youngest child. John W. Reed was a Republican and a member of the

Methodist Protestant church. His wife was a Presbyterian in her youth, having been so reared, but later in life became a Methodist Protestant. There were eight children in the family of the parents of our subject, six boys and two girls, the subject being the oldest in order of birth.

Lewis H. Reed was educated in the public schools of Vermilion county, Indiana. He worked on his father's farm until twenty years old. He then entered Ascension Seminary in Sullivan, Sullivan county, Indiana. After obtaining a good education, having made a splendid record for scholarship in the last named school, he began teaching, which profession he followed with great success for a period of ten years, during which time he became well known as an able educator and his services were in great demand, having taught many successful terms in both Illinois and Indiana.

Believing that a better field for his talents was to be found in the drug business he entered the same on March 28, 1879, in St. Bernice, Indiana. He continued in the drug business at St. Bernice until 1888, having built up an excellent trade and making a success of the business from the first. During that time he held the office of postmaster under President Rutherford B. Hayes, having begun in May, 1881, and continued the same with much credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned for five years, five months and fifteen days, when he resigned and moved to Mississippi, having remained one winter at Ocean Springs. In 1889 he removed to Centralia,

Illinois, and held the office of Town Clerk for two terms, in a manner that elicited praise on every hand.

Mr. Reed is still in the drug business, having one of the best equipped and neatest stores in Centralia and he has an excellent patronage numbering many customers throughout the county. Owing to his courteous treatment of customers and his intimate knowledge of the drug business his trade is always all that could be desired.

Mr. Reed united in marriage to Isabella Benefiel on July 13, 1881. She is the daughter of Robert and Mary (Ingram) Benefiel, of Carlisle, Indiana. She was educated in Edgar county, Illinois. Her father met an untimely death by being killed by a horse.

Mrs. Reed is a member of the Pythian Sisters, Lotus Temple No. 8, having passed all the chairs. She is a teacher in the First Methodist Episcopal church Sunday school, having been identified with Sunday school work for many years. She is a member of the Ladies' Aid and the Missionary societies of the church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reed are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Politically our subject is a loyal Republican and he takes a great interest in the affairs of his party. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Queen City No. 179, having been identified with the same for the past twenty-five years and having passed all the chairs. He has been representative to the Grand Lodge twice at Springfield, Illinois. He is also

a past chief patriarch of the Centralia Encampment No. 75, having represented the Encampment twice at Springfield. He is also a member of Helmet lodge No. 26, Knights of Pythias, and has passed all the chairs in the same.

JULIUS REINHARDT.

Mr. Reinhardt is one of those characters whose integrity and personality must force them into an admirable notoriety, which their modesty never seeks, who command the respect of their contemporaries and their posterity and leave the impress of their individuality upon the lives of those with whom they come in contact.

Julius Reinhardt, jeweler and musician of Centralia, Marion county, and one of the representative business men and honorable citizens of this locality, was born in Lebanon, Illinois, May 16, 1874, the son of Charles, Sr., and Marie (Blass) Reinhardt. The father of the subject was born in Germany, near Saxony, and the subject's mother was born in Bavaria, Germany. They came to America when young and were married in St. Louis, Missouri. They are now both deceased, the father having been called from his earthly labors in 1905 and the mother passed to her rest in 1904. There were eight children in their family, seven of whom are living in 1908, our subject being the youngest in order of birth.

The early education of the subject of this sketch was obtained in the public schools of Lebanon, Illinois. Later he attended McKendree College, taking a business course in this institution and making a splendid record for scholarship.

The domestic life of our subject dates from September 12, 1900, when he was united in marriage to Alberta Allmon, the representative of an influential family of Salem, Illinois, and to this union two sons and one daughter have been born, namely: Edwin A., Virginia M., and Julian, the two oldest being in school at this writing, 1908.

Mr. Reinhardt's business life properly began in 1889, when he launched in the jewelry business in Centralia, having first located in Buck's drug store, conducting a repair shop. Since that time Mr. Reinhardt has been known as a conscientious as well as a skilled workman. He conducted this business for a period of three years, when he conducted a similar business with like success for a period of two years in Zarbeck's hardware store. He started in with a stock of jewelry in 1889 and he has gradually built up a trade, having been extensively patronized from the first, until he now has a very extensive and beautiful stock of goods in commodious and elegant quarters, and he enjoys a liberal income, always treating his numerous customers with the utmost courtesy and giving them full value received, having an intimate knowledge of the jewelry business and giving them the benefit of this knowledge by plac-

ing the best goods obtainable in his store.

In politics Mr. Reinhardt is strictly independent. There are many features of each of the great parties which commend themselves to him, but, from his observation and experience, he has decided that far more depends on the man than on the platform. It has often been demonstrated that party pledges have never yet been fabricated out of indestructible material and sensible people know that more reliance can be placed upon the word and work of a truly honest man than upon the most sacred pledge of the best political party that was ever organized. Hence the man and not the party should be the first consideration of the voter. That the subject is a man of much originality of thought is clearly evidenced by the position he takes in politics.

The parents of the subject were Presbyterians, but Mr. Reinhardt is not affiliated with any church organization, but his support can always be depended upon in the advancement of any movement looking to the religious, moral, civic or educational welfare of the community. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the modern Woodmen.

Mr. Reinhardt is a musician and is a member of the McNeil's orchestra of the Pittenger Grand Opera House in Centralia, one of the leading musical organizations in this part of the state. Our subject has thoroughly mastered the English language, being able to speak either English or German fluently. He is a man of genial personality, a perfect type of the true gentleman.

JOHN L. DAVIS.

A man of marked individuality, the subject of this review is a typical representative of that large and enterprising class of business men to whom the great commonwealth of Illinois owes much of its prosperity and development, and his record shows him to have been faithful in the performance of his duty in the community, to his neighbors and to himself.

John L. Davis was born in Centralia, Marion county, April 30, 1858, the son of Thomas P. and Wilhemina C. (Beal) Davis, the former having been born in Tennessee, March 11, 1827. The mother of the subject was born in Steinfeld, Germany, April 8, 1835. They were married in Belleville, Illinois, in 1853, and they were the parents of ten children, eight boys and two girls, our subject being the second child in order of birth. The subject's father was a carpenter and contractor in Centralia, to which place he came in 1855. His death occurred in 1899, and that of his wife November 6, 1908. Thomas P. Davis was a soldier during the Civil war, enlisting in 1862 in Company H, Eightieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, as a private. He served with bravery and valor in many hard-fought battles in which his regiment participated, and became corporal of his company. He was mustered out in the fall of 1864.

John L. Davis worked first on the fruit farms in Centralia township, until he was eighteen years old, having in the meantime attended the public schools in Centralia,

where he received a fairly good education, having applied himself in a most diligent manner to his text-books. He went to work on the Illinois Central Railroad when a young man and continued in the employ of the same until 1901, having given this company entire satisfaction. Two years were spent in the shoe business, and in 1901 he returned to the same business and he is now to be found daily in his store where he has a liberal patronage owing to his courtesy and his intimate knowledge of the shoe business, always giving his customers, many of whom come from remote parts of Marion county, the worth of their money, for he handles a high-class line of goods. His store is well kept, everything about it showing system and careful management. The store is located at 144 East Broadway.

Our subject was united in marriage to Mary C. Marsh, December 16, 1880. She is the refined daughter of R. L. T. and Catherine (Sherwood) Marsh, who were the parents of four children, our subject's wife being the second in order of birth.

The pleasant and comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. Davis has been brightened by the birth of the following children: Thomas M., who married L. Myrtle Denny, living at Cliffs, Washington; Ralph R., who married Edith Pease, and who is living in Springfield, Idaho; John June is assistant State Entomologist at Urbana, Illinois; Harley A. is in the Art Institute at Chicago, Illinois; Reba C. is now (1908) at home and is attending high school at Centralia.

John L. Davis, our subject, is a member

of the Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 201; the Royal Arch Chapter No. 93; Council No. 28; Commandery No. 23; Oriental Consistory of Chicago. He also belongs to the Order of Railway Conductors, Centralia Division, No. 112.

In politics Mr. Davis is a Republican and takes a great interest in local affairs, always desiring good men in the county offices and lending his aid in placing them.

In religious matters Mr. Davis is identified with the Baptist church, as is also his wife and children.

He has been frequently called upon to serve the public in some official capacity, and has very ably held the office of Alderman for one term and has been on the Board of Education for three terms, during which time the interests of the city and the schools were carefully considered by Mr. Davis and much good accomplished by his suggestions, which were usually followed out. He has filled all the chairs of the lodges of his membership to the Consistory, and is now treasurer in all these four lodges of which he is a very loyal member. He has been secretary of the railroad division of the lodge of Railroad Conductors since 1890, and also was its first secretary, from 1884 to 1886. He was also chief conductor from 1886 to 1888.

LUCIAN O. WILSON.

Among the popular citizens of Centralia, Marion county, Illinois, is the gentleman

whose name appears at the head of this sketch, the well known assistant postmaster, who was born in New Albany, Indiana, July 12, 1866, the son of Oliver O. and Maggie E. (Mathews) Wilson. His father's family consisted of three children, our subject being the second child and only son. His parents were both natives of Indiana. Oliver O. Wilson was superintendent of the Indiana Reformatory. He is now deceased, as is also his wife, who passed away March 30, 1900. Our subject was five years old at the time of his father's death.

The early education of the subject of this sketch was gained in the public schools, where he applied himself as best he could and gained a fairly good education. He went to work in the Nail Mill of Centralia, working for two years as a nail cutter, and was later employed by F. D. Rexford, of the Centralia House, and worked there for a period of seventeen years, having given entire satisfaction in each of these lines, being industrious and quick to gain a knowledge of the business. He was clerk and general utility man in the latter's employ. He then went to Boone, Iowa, and managed the Cole Hotel for one and one-half years, selling out and returning to Centralia in March, 1903, where he was appointed assistant postmaster under E. L. Welton. He has very creditably and satisfactorily filled this position to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Nellie Surles September 11, 1900.

One daughter brightens the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Wilson, bearing the name of Helen Lucile, whose date of birth occurred March 14, 1903.

Mr. Wilson in his fraternal relations is a member of Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, No. 201; also the Centralia Chapter No. 93; and Council No. 28, Cyrene Commandery No. 23. He also belongs to the Oriental Consistory, of Chicago, also a member of the Mystic Shrine, of Madina Temple, Chicago. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, No. 26, of Centralia.

In his political relations Mr. Wilson is a loyal Republican. His mother was a member of the Christian, but he and his wife worship in the Baptist church. Mr. Wilson was at one time a member of the Centralia Volunteer Fire Department.

Our subject has by pluck, energy and enterprise, controlled by correct principles and founded upon strict integrity and honor, attained to a position meriting the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens, which they freely accord.

A. C. BARNES.

The prominence of the subject of this sketch in connection with the professional and civic affairs of Marion county is such that he is regarded as one of its representative citizens, having for a number of years been one of the leading business men of the thriving city of Centralia, and ever showing

by his fealty to high principles and his activity in promoting the affairs of the county that he merits the confidence of all.

A. C. Barnes was born at Richview, Illinois, ten miles south of Centralia, February 13, 1853, the son of J. W. and Nancy (Johnson) Barnes, the former having been born in Gallatin, Tennessee, July 2, 1818. He was left an orphan at the age of five years and when twelve years of age he was bound out to a saddle maker for a period of four years, at the end of which time he purchased a horse, saddle and bridle and rode to Mt. Vernon, this state, where he called upon William Thorne, the first saddle maker in Mt. Vernon, who refused to give him a job because he was too young, his age then being eighteen years. But nothing daunted, he purchased the material with which to make a saddle which he accordingly did and presented it to Mr. Thorne, who hired the boy for three years. This was in 1836.

Two years later J. W. Barnes was married to Nancy Johnson. He soon thereafter moved to a farm near old Shiloh, later moving to Washington county, where he farmed and lived comfortably until 1888 when he moved to Centralia, where he passed to his rest September 17, 1905, after a successful business career in Centralia, having purchased the L. C. Demmick harness shop in this city in 1888, having stood just south of the old National Bank. His son, A. C., our subject, bought his business. He was living with his son when he died. Nancy Johnson was born in 1813 in Ken-

tucky. Her father was an itinerant Methodist Episcopal preacher, who came to Illinois in 1818 and settled on a farm at Shiloh church, where he farmed and preached and where both he and his good wife passed to the silent land. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnes, as follows: L. R., who married Laura Robinson, daughter of Elder J. A. and Eliza Robinson, and they became the parents of six children, one of whom is living. L. R. Barnes was in the famous One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the war between the states, under the late Gen. James S. Martin, of Salem, having gone out in 1862 and was discharged at the close of the war, having been in the grand review at Washington City. Louise, the second child of the parents of our subject, married a Mr. Underwood and is now living in Oklahoma, being the mother of four living children, one child deceased. John T., the third child of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnes, enlisted in the Sixtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry under Colonel Anderson, at Mt. Vernon, and he re-enlisted in 1863. He came home on a furlough. Rejoining his regiment, he remained at the front until the close of the war when he was mustered out. He married and in 1885 removed to Wichita county, Kansas, where he located on three hundred and twenty acres of land. He has a family of four girls and one boy. He now lives at Leota, Kansas.

Our subject, A. C. Barnes, came to Centralia in 1891 with his father. He had re-

ceived a good education in the district schools of Washington county, Illinois, having left school at the age of sixteen years and went to work for himself. Being a loyal Republican and having taken an interest in political affairs from early manhood, his friends elected him Sheriff of Marion county in 1904 and he served with much credit. When his term had expired he returned to business. In 1902 he was elected Treasurer of the city of Centralia for two years and served in a most acceptable manner in this capacity. Mr. Barnes has an excellent business in the harness and repair trade, his shop being well equipped and he has become widely known throughout the county.

Mr. Barnes married Susan M. Gunn, daughter of J. C. and Caroline Gunn, of Richview, the ceremony that made them one having been performed at Kinmundy, this county, July 20, 1880. He was first married in 1873 to Sarah Anderson, a native of Ohio, and she died at the birth of James, their only son, who was born October 18, 1878. He is now living at Lafayette, Indiana, being in the printing business as a linotype expert. He married Lottie Hadden, of Kinmundy, and they have three children, two boys and one girl.

Our subject ably served for a period of five years on the Board of Education in Kansas, where he lived for several years, and while on the board just mentioned they built two elegant school-houses.

Fraternally Mr. Barnes is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at

Centralia, having originally joined that order at Pittsburg, Kansas, in 1886. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, having joined Lodge No. 26, in Centralia in 1893. He became a Mason in Salem in 1896, and joined the Modern Woodmen of America in 1897. He follows the example of his people by worshiping with the Methodist denomination.

Our subject is a man of unusual imposing physique, possessing great physical strength and endurance. He also has a strong mind and the power of concentration, is congenial and makes friends readily which he always retains.

JACOB D. BREEZE.

Dependant very largely upon his own resources from early youth, the subject of this sketch has attained to no insignificant success, and though he may have, like many another business man, met with some misfortune and encountered many obstacles he has pressed steadily forward, ever willing to work for the end which he has in view. He has become one of the leading merchants of Centralia, Illinois, and he has built up a business that is known throughout the county.

Jacob D. Breeze was born September 27, 1868, in Washington county, Illinois, the son of David and Eliza (Baldwin) Breeze. There were fourteen children in their family, eight of whom are living in 1908,

our subject being the eighth in order of birth; of those living seven are boys and one a girl. David Breeze was born in Jefferson county, Illinois, in 1844, and died when fifty-two years old, after a busy and useful life. The subject's mother is still living in Jefferson county on the old home place and, although advanced in years, enjoys fairly good health. She was born in Washington county, this state.

Jacob D. Breeze received his early education in the common schools of his native community and remained at home until he reached maturity.

Mr. Breeze was united in marriage with Ida V. Walker on October 22, 1885. She was the daughter of G. W. and Esther (Breeze) Walker, being the fourth child in a family consisting of five children. To our subject and wife two children have been born, both bright and interesting, namely: Jewell, whose date of birth is recorded as May 30, 1897; and Lottie, who was born October 2, 1899. Both are attending the public schools in Centralia.

After leaving school at the age of eighteen years, our subject went to work on a farm in that neighborhood in Jefferson county and made a success of this line of work, but believing that the city offered greater inducements to him, he came to Centralia and began the livery, feed and sale business, and for five years made this a marked success in every respect when he sold out and started in the implement and harness business, which he has since conducted, the firm name being Breeze & Watts. They enjoy

a liberal patronage, their trade extending to all parts of the county, for they handle an up-to-date and carefully selected stock at all times, and their prices are always right. Here all customers are accorded the most courteous treatment by the managers and their efficient employes. This store has a floor space of one hundred and sixty by forty feet.

In politics our subject is a Republican and always takes a great interest in political affairs, lending what assistance he can in placing the best men possible in local offices. Mr. Breeze follows the precepts of his parents and is a faithful member of the Christian church. He is always on the right side of all public questions.

FOWLER BROTHERS.

One of the most extensive, modern and systematically managed plumbing concerns in Southern Illinois is that conducted by the firm of Fowler Brothers at Centralia, being worthy successors of their father, Reuben G. Fowler.

This firm's place of business fronts on South Locust street and South Second street. They carry a full and complete line of plumbing supplies, heating, electrical and gas fixtures and supplies, also fire clay and fire brick. They have two neat show and display rooms. All the latest, complete, automatic machinery, run by electric dynamos for heating, lighting and plumbing, are to be found here. They also carry a full

line of nickel-plated plumbing supplies. An extensive business is carried on and is being constantly enlarged and extended to meet the growing demands of the trade of Southern Illinois and adjoining states.

Harry A. Fowler married Mattie Adams, of Centralia, and they are the parents of one little girl, who bears the pretty name, Marjorie.

John R. Fowler, the younger member of the firm, was educated in the Centralia city schools, and began when quite young to learn his father's trade of plumbing. He is a practical and up-to-date artist in his work as well as a good business man. He has a state certificate, awarded to him in 1902 for his thoroughness and proficiency in his chosen occupation. Harry and John Fowler are both members of the National Plumbers and Steam Fitters Association, and are also graduates in this line of the International Correspondance School, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and they are keeping pace with twentieth century methods. They have a good business and enjoy the entire confidence of their many friends and patrons in Marion county and throughout this part of the state.

ELMER E. COPPLE.

In the development of Marion county the subject of this biography has borne an important part, for he has long been identified with the farming and business life of the locality, and while advancing his own interests

he has not been neglectful of his duty to his fellow citizens, therefore he is accorded a full measure of esteem by all who know him.

Elmer E. Copple was born January 9, 1862, on the old Copple homestead in Centralia township, this county, the son of Eli Copple, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. However, it is not amiss here to state that the father of the subject was born January 8, 1820, in Clark county, Illinois, the son of David Copple, a native of Germany, who married Lavina Huckleberry first and later Permelia King. They came to Marion county, Illinois, in 1832 and settled in section 32, Centralia township, where they entered wild land and set about improving it like the rest of the pioneers of that time, and they lived and died at this place. He had only a limited opportunity to attend school in the old log school-houses. Although self-learned he became an excellent speller and scholar. He was a large farmer, stock dealer and breeder. In 1874 he went to Europe and imported some French Norman horses. He never aspired to office although an active Republican. He started in life in a small way, but worked hard and was very successful. He was a member of the Methodist church.

He first married Martha Flannagan, of Jefferson county, Illinois, who died in 1850, and his second wife was Sarah Dolson. The following five children were born to Eli Copple and his first wife: Arminda, who married W. A. Dolson, of Fullerton, Ne-

braska; Loretta, who married A. J. Hardley, of Irvington, Illinois; three children died in infancy. Seven children were born to Eli Copple and his second wife, namely: Charles, a farmer in Nebraska; Mary married Joseph Baldrige, and she died in 1899; Julia married H. S. Baldrige, who lives in Seattle, Washington; Willis, a farmer in Centralia township, Marion county, who married a Miss Patton; Elmer E., our subject; Robert, a farmer in Centralia township, who married Lillian Ethel Leonard; Ada is the wife of T. S. Kell, who now lives on the old Copple homestead with Mrs. Copple.

The subject of this sketch lived at home and attended the neighboring schools. He married September 9, 1883, to Ida A. Baldrige, of Jefferson county, Illinois, who was born in Grand Prairie township, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Williams) Baldrige, the former a native of Jefferson county, Illinois, and the latter of Virginia. She died in 1870, and Mr. Baldrige was again married, his second wife being Miss M. E. Allen, of Jefferson county, this state. It was in that county that he spent his life on a farm, dying there in 1904. His second wife died in February, 1908.

Four children have been born to the subject and wife, as follows: M. Allen, who married Nellie Root Carpenter, of Centralia, and who are the parents of two children, Lola and Vera; Ralph Roy, who is living at home, is a graduate of the Centralia high school; Dwight and Ruth are the youngest children.

In 1883 our subject located on his present place in Centralia township. It was then a new place and Mr. Copple has made all the improvements on it, bringing it up to any place in the township. He is regarded as a good farmer and an excellent judge of stock and his farm is carefully managed, yielding excellent harvests of all kinds from year to year. His home place consists of two hundred and forty acres, thirty acres of which are in peaches, apples and pears. This is a most valuable orchard, consisting of a fine variety of excellent fruit, and since Mr. Copple is something of an expert horticulturist, no small part of his income is derived from this source. He carries on a general farming. His dwelling is a most convenient and substantial one, and his barns and out buildings are of the best.

ELI COPPLE.

The subject of this sketch, who has passed to his rest, is well remembered by the people of Marion county, where he so long labored not only for his own advancement but also for that of the community at large, therefore, it is with pleasure that we give a record of his honorable career in this book, believing that it will be an inspiration to the younger generation who peruse it.

Eli Copple was born January 8, 1820, in Washington county, Indiana, the son of David Copple, who was born in Germany and

when a young man came to America with his parents, locating with them in North Carolina. Later they came to Clark county, Indiana, where the parents died. David Copple grew to manhood in Clark county, Indiana, where he married Lavina Huckleberry, of German-Irish extract. David Copple and wife located in Washington county, Indiana, in 1818, and fourteen years later they came to Marion county, Illinois, where they both died in Centralia township. He was considered one of the valued and leading citizens of the community in which he lived. They were the parents of twelve children, all but one of whom grew to maturity, namely: James lived in Centralia township and was twice married, first to Jane Wells and second to Emily Huckleberry; Elizabeth married Jacob Breeze; Angeline married Henry Bingaman, and they are living in Crete, Nebraska; Eli, our subject; Christiana married M. P. Hester, of Centralia township, and they are both deceased; Samuel is deceased; John Harvey is also deceased; Edmund is a farmer living in Grand Prairie, Illinois; Julia married Marion Roper, who is now deceased, but she is living in Grand Prairie; David, now deceased, was a farmer living in Centralia township; Pollie A. is living in Kansas, having married David Roper, who is deceased.

Eli Copple was reared in Centralia township, Marion county, Illinois, and was among the successful farmers of that vicinity, having come with his parents to this county when twelve years of age and located on what is known as the Seven-Mile

Prairie. He was reared among the wild scenes of the frontier and developed thereby a sturdy manhood. He was first married in 1840 to Martha Flannagan, a native of Jefferson county, Illinois, who died in 1850. Two children, who grew to maturity, were born to them. Arminda married William Dolson, who is living in Fullerton, Nebraska; Loretta married A. J. Hartley, of Irvington, Illinois. The subject of this sketch married a second time, his last wife being Sarah Dolson, daughter of Allen and Mary Louisa (White) Dolson, the wedding occurring in February, 1851. Mr. Dolson was a native of New York, near Albany, on the Hudson river. His wife was born in Georgia. Allen Dolson was the son of Peter and Rachael (Quinby) Dolson, both natives of New York. Mr. Dolson was a farmer. Allen Dolson came west when a boy alone, going to the Platt river country, Nebraska, having lived among the Indians for a time. He descended the Missouri river in a canoe to St. Louis, later to Carlyle, Illinois, and then went to Grand Prairie, Jefferson county, Illinois, where he devoted his life to farming. He entered government land. He came to Marion county, where he and his wife both died. The following children were born to them: Sarah, the subject's wife; Robert, Elizabeth, Melville, all deceased; Mary is living in Kansas; Christina, deceased; William, living in Nebraska; Harvey is living in Kansas. The subject and his second wife were the parents of seven children, namely: Charles, a farmer living in Fullerton, Nebraska, was first mar-

ried to Lucy Jackson, second to Sarah Averill; Mary married **Joseph Baldrige**, and she is now deceased; Julia is the wife of Harvey Baldrige and they are living in Seattle, Washington; Willis is living in Centralia township on a farm, having married Henrietta Patton; Elmer, living in Centralia township; Robert, living on a farm in Centralia township, married Lillian Ethel Leonard; Ada May married T. S. Kell and they are living with the subject's mother on the old home place, the parents of one son, Cecil Edward.

After a very active and useful life, replete with success and honor, Eli Cople passed to his reward August 14, 1905.

Our subject started in life under none too favorable circumstances, but his father gave him one hundred and sixty acres of wild land and he worked hard and became successful. He was thrifty and a good manager, and at one time owned as much as two thousand acres. He carried on a general farming and stock raising business and was eminently successful in both, becoming known as one of the leading citizens of Marion county. In 1874 he made a trip to France and imported a large number of Norman horses of a very fine quality. Besides raising some fine horses he always raised many good cattle, hogs and sheep. He was an organizer and leading member of the Farmers' Club of Marion county.

The subject cast his first vote for William Henry Harrison and since that time was a loyal Republican. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal

church and a liberal subscriber of the same. He erected his first substantial and commodious ~~brick home in 1872 and he~~ and his noble and faithful wife made all the improvements about the place. No man in the county was better or more favorably known than he and everyone remembers him as a very polite and kindly gentleman, as well as a very able business man, and therefore his influence for good in the county was very great.

COL. NAPOLEON B. MORRISON.

The life of the subject of this biography has not been altogether devoid of the spectacular, but has been entirely free from ostentation, and he has never forced himself on public attention, yet his fellow citizens recognize in this venerable character a man of genuine worth, whose every duty has been discharged with commendable fidelity and whose influence has always been exercised for the good of his kind. He has traveled extensively and come in contact with the world in such a way as to quicken his perception, enlarge his mental vision and give him ideas of men and things such as he could not have obtained by spending his life in one locality, and as a result of his altogether consistent career he has won the esteem of all who know him.

Col. Napoleon B. Morrison was born in Waterford, Vermont, February 12, 1824, and reared in New Hampshire by sturdy

New England parents. He is the son of Moses F. and Zilpha (Smith) Morrison. Grandfather Morrison was of Scotch-Irish lineage from Londonderry, Ireland, who settled in Londonderry, New Hampshire. Our subject is a direct descendant of Samuel Morrison, who was a charter member of Londonderry. Grandfather Smith was a Revolutionary soldier. He was born in New Hampshire, where he spent his days on a farm. He had eight children, seven boys and one girl; all lived to maturity.

The subject's father was a graduate of Dartmouth College and became a physician, devoting his entire life to practice, having remained in the eastern states. He was an extensive writer and was assistant geologist of the state of New Hampshire. A number of his manuscripts are yet in perfect condition, and they are considered of much value. He lived to be about seventy years old. He was a Christian man of advanced thought and culture, who could not be tied down to any dogma or creed. He followed his profession with energy, enthusiasm and love, love for the science and love for the patients, therefore he not only became well grounded in his profession but had hosts of loyal friends. He endeavored to discover the cause of disease and treat it from that standpoint.

Eight of his children grew to maturity. Two died in infancy. They followed the various avocations of educated men.

The subject of this sketch first attended the public schools in New Hampshire, later went to the academy at Newbury, Ver-

mont, where he prepared for college. He then took a course in civil engineering which profession he followed for a period of twenty years with great success in New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Ohio and Illinois. In 1849 and 1850 he surveyed and located the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad from Chillicothe to Cincinnati, Ohio, which has since been absorbed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railway, and became a part of that great system. It is now known as the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern.

In 1862 he settled in Odin, Marion county, where he has lived ever since. Twenty-three years ago, from 1908, he opened the coal mine here which has been running successfully all the time since, and it has been under his immediate management ever since it was started. It is incorporated and our subject has been the president from the start. The capacity is one thousand tons daily. Last year the mine produced two hundred and forty thousand tons. It is operated with two hundred miners and is always a very busy place.

The coal produced here is of a very high grade and always finds a ready market. Colonel Morrison also has large farming interests in this county, and an excellent stock ranch. He breeds high grade cattle, having some thoroughbreds. His cattle are usually fattened on grass for the market, and no small portion of his yearly income is derived from his shipments of live stock which always demand high prices owing to their fine quality. His farms are kept in a high state of improvement and are up-to-date in

every respect, showing that a man of unusual soundness of judgment has their management in hand.

Colonel Morrison has frequently been called upon to display his innate ability in public offices, having faithfully served for twelve years as Police Judge, and he served his people in a most praiseworthy manner in the legislature for two terms, during which time he won an enviable reputation as a law maker, and his advice and sound counsel were always listened to with the greatest respect by his colleagues in the house.

Colonel Morrison likes to tell of the early days. When he was born there was neither mill nor railroad in his section of the state. He was three years old when the first stone was hauled to build the Bunker Hill monument. The entire railroad and telegraph system has been built up since he can remember. He was in Chicago when the contract was let for building the Illinois Central Railroad. Mr. Morrison will soon be eighty-five years old, and is as active and hale as ever, being as active in his business management as at any time during his life. He built the first dwelling house in Odin. He has seen land sell under the government for twenty-five cents per acre that is now worth two hundred dollars per acre. He has long been actively associated with the locating and building of railroads, and is an enthusiastic believer in the useful results obtained by means of railroad facilities.

Colonel Morrison's married life dates from 1853, when he was united in the bonds of wedlock with Lavinia M. Smart, daugh-

ter of Judge Hugh and Elizabeth (Hughes) Smart, of Ohio. Six children have been born to Colonel Morrison and wife as follows: Sadie; Jean, who is the wife of Hamilton Rapp, of Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is an architect, plans and superintends the territorial buildings. Jessie, the subject's third child, is deceased; Helen is the wife of Doctor Fyke, of Centralia, Illinois, and the mother of three daughters, Jean, Helen and Lavinia; Charles Hugh has charge of the coal mine and its interests, and is general manager of his father's business. He was a student of the State University at Champaign, Illinois, and as a business man he ranks high in the county, being well and favorably known to the business world; Vedic, the subject's sixth child, is deceased.

When Colonel Morrison came to Illinois there were neither settlements nor settlers in this part of the commonwealth on all of the broad prairies. From 1892 to 1898 he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, and was chairman of the Committee on Agriculture. After an investigation he found there was but one professor and four students in the agricultural college of the state of Illinois. He at once set about remedying this condition, and it was due to his agitation and efforts that this department was brought up to its present day state of efficiency, it being recognized at present as one of the most effective departments of the State University. He has on his own farm an experimental station which is conducted under the supervision of the Agricultural College at

Champaign, and also of the agricultural department at Washington. He has as a result of his faithful work, been invited to accompany special trains which have traveled over all the trunk lines in Illinois, giving lectures and practical demonstrations of the excellent work which has been accomplished at the college. On the Illinois Central road he also visited the states of Mississippi and Louisiana in this capacity.

SIDNEY BREEZE.

Notwithstanding the fact that the life history of the man whose name appears above has been closed by the hand of death, his influence still permeates the lives of those he came in contact with. His was a life of noble deeds and consistency to the truth in all its phases.

Sidney Breeze was born in Rome township, Jefferson county, Illinois, February 15, 1842, and he passed to his rest July 2, 1889. He was the son of Owen and Margaret (Falkner) Breeze, the former a native of Indiana, and the latter of Kentucky. Owen Breeze came to Illinois when a young man, with his parents, and settled in Rome township, Jefferson county, being among the pioneers of that district. They engaged in farming, and both died in Grand Prairie township. They were the parents of three children. Martha Jane, who married Henry West, is living in Irvington, Illinois; Sidney, our subject; Harriet, who married Joseph Boles, of Jefferson county, this state.

Mr. Breeze, our subject, attended the

country schools, and the subscription schools and lived at home until his marriage, November 26, 1863, to Maria Stonecipher, who was born October 14, 1843, in Harrison county, Indiana, and a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Riley) Stonecipher, the former having been born in Harrison county, and the latter of North Carolina. The Stoneciphers are of German descent, and the Rileys of Irish ancestry. Jacob and Sarah Stonecipher were the parents of six children, namely: William, a retired farmer, living in Centralia township; Franklin died during the Civil war, having been a member of Company H, Forty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. His death occurred in Tennessee. Sarah, the third child, married James Steward, of Centralia, Illinois. Henry and Etta, the fourth and fifth children, are twins. Henry is in the West. Etta is deceased. Marion was the second child in order of birth.

To our subject and wife eight children have been born, namely: Oscar L., a farmer in Jefferson county, Illinois; Alva, a hostler for the Illinois Central Railroad, living in Centralia, Illinois; Gilla died April 5, 1884; Julia Ann married James Holland and is living in Centralia; Clara died June 11, 1900; Lawrence died September 14, 1875; Albert is living in Jefferson county, Illinois, on a farm; Zina, a farmer and clerk, is living at home.

The subject's children were educated in the home schools. Zina not only attended the home schools, but he also attended school at Jackson, Tennessee, in the Southwestern Baptist University, where he made

a splendid record for scholarship. He has always remained at home with his parents. He clerked in a most successful manner in a store at Walnut Hill, and he has been equally successful as a farmer.

After his marriage Sidney Breeze lived in Grand Prairie township, Jefferson county. In 1866 he moved to Rome township, Jefferson county, Illinois. He bought a farm consisting of five hundred acres in one body, and he was a most successful agriculturist, being known as a man of good judgment and industrious habits. In 195 the family moved to Walnut Hill, where they have since resided. They still own the old homestead. The subject was a loyal Republican, but he never aspired for office. Both he and his estimable wife were members of the Christian church for many years, and were always active in church work. Mr. Breeze is remembered as a man of gentle disposition which won him hosts of friends. In his fraternal relations he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having belonged to this order for a period of twenty-five years, lodge No. 710, Walnut Hill, and he took a great deal of interest in lodge work. He was a useful man, and his good deeds and honorable life will long be remembered by the people of Marion county.

WILLIAM A. HARTLEY.

The subject of this sketch wears the proud title of one of the "boys in blue", a title that anyone might justly be proud to

bear, for such privilege does not come to many men in a country, and we of the aftermath are glad to respect those of this class, but this is not the only reason why the subject of this sketch is entitled to representation in a work of this nature, having been a man of industry, honesty and influence during his long life in Marion county.

William A. Hartley was born in Jefferson county, Grand Prairie township, February 25, 1841, the son of Hugh Hartley, who was born in 1805, and who married Nancy Huckleberry. The former was a native of Virginia and the latter of Indiana. William Hartley, the subject's grandfather, a shoemaker by trade, was a native of Virginia, having been born and grew up in Monongahela county. In 1816 he came to Clark county, Indiana, and later moving to Charlestown, Indiana, where he died in 1844. Then Hugh Hartley, the subject's father, came to Jefferson county in 1839. He was married in Indiana. He purchased two hundred acres of wild land in Grand Prairie township. He improved the place and lived there until his death in 1871. His wife died in 1896, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

In early life he devoted his time to shoemaking. He was in Chicago when city lots were selling for five and ten dollars each. He served during the Black Hawk war of 1832 in Arkansas, where he remained until the close of hostilities. He was a great reader and debater. He was an active Democrat, although he never held office. He was a member of the Methodist church, and

was well known and highly respected by all who knew him. Nine children were born to the parents of the subject as follows: John W., who was in the Mexican war during the second year of the war for one year. He was in Company H, Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, during the second year of the Civil war, having been lieutenant in General Palmer's regiment, having served two years when he lost his voice and was compelled to resign. He was the first City Marshal of Decatur, Illinois, and lived there the rest of his life. He was also the first man to run a bakery in that city. He died there in 1901. The second child was named Mary Ann and is deceased; James R. is living in Grand Prairie township, Jefferson county, Illinois. He was formerly a teacher and painter by trade. He was in Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, having served over one year. Martha J., who died in November, 1904, remained single and lived at home. Alfred died in infancy; Hugh, the sixth child, learned the bricklayer's trade. He made a trip overland by Pike's Peak to California and was there two years. After he returned he went to Louisiana. He was in the Confederate army, and died three months before the close of the war, having been buried at Richmond, Virginia. William A., our subject, was the seventh child in order of birth; Clara, who became the wife of Rev. J. C. Baldridge, a Methodist minister, is deceased. He lives in Chicago. Andrew J. lives at Irvington, Illinois, and is a stock dealer and engaged in farming.

The subject was educated in the home schools. After he left school, Mr. Hartley was one of the brave sons of the North, who offered his services in suppressing the rebellion, having enlisted August 18, 1861, in Company C, Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, at Centralia as a private. He was sent to Bird's Point, Missouri, remaining there until February 5, 1862, where he was drilled. He then went to Fort Henry, Tennessee, remaining there four days, when he marched to Fort Donelson and was in the battle there, the regiment he was in losing six hundred men out of seven hundred and fifty in killed, wounded and prisoners. He was at Fort Donelson until the middle of March, 1862, when he went to Shiloh, and was in that battle. He was wounded April 6, 1862; he was shot through the right shoulder and was sent to a hospital in Tennessee. He ran off from there and went back to his regiment and the captain ordered him back to the hospital. He was later sent home, where he remained until in August, 1862, when he went back to his regiment, remaining until November 20th, following when he was discharged at Cairo, Illinois, after which he returned home. His health was poor and in the spring of 1863 he went to Memphis, Tennessee, where he clerked in a wholesale house, where he remained until the following October, when he returned home and began teaching school at Grand Prairie township, Jefferson county, devoting the following thirty years to teaching in that county, and the following ten years to teach-

ing in Marion county, mostly in Centralia township, having taught fourteen terms in one district. He became well known as an able instructor and his services were in great demand. In 1889 he moved to Walnut Hill, Illinois, where he taught in the winter and worked in a store during the summer months, having worked five years for D. B. Kell.

Our subject was united in marriage April 27, 1865, to Rebecca J. Boggs, a native of North Carolina, the daughter of Joseph B. and Mary (Wyant) Boggs, both natives of North Carolina. Mr. Boggs came to Marion county, Illinois, and settled in Raccoon township in 1858. Both he and his wife are now deceased.

One son has been born to the subject and wife, namely: George, who was born March 16, 1866. He was educated in the home schools, and is in the Sentinel office at Centralia, Illinois. He married Flora Pierson; they have one son, William A.

Mr. Hartley has been Supervisor for fourteen years and in the spring of 1908 he was re-elected for two years. He was clerk of the town of Grand Prairie, and was Justice of the Peace at Walnut Hill for six years. He has always been an active worker in the Republican ranks. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Walnut Hill, having joined the lodge there in 1882. He has held all the offices and attended the Grand Lodge. He is also a member of the American Home Circle, also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic No. 600 at

Walnut Hill, of which post he is now adjutant, having held all the offices in this post. The subject and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, having been identified with the same for the past forty years. Mr. Hartley has been industrious and success has attended his efforts, and he has become widely known.

FRANCIS M. BATES.

The subject of this sketch is one of the sterling citizens of Centralia township, Marion county, where he has long maintained his home near Walnut Hill, being known as one of the progressive men of the community and always interested in movements looking toward the development of the same.

Francis M. Bates was born in Jefferson county, Illinois, in Rome township, May 15, 1841, the son of James and Elizabeth (Bostwick) Bates, the former a native of Maine and the latter of Maryland. The father grew up in Maine and was well educated. He left that state when a young man and went to Ohio, where he engaged in farming, having devoted his life to the farm. Later he went to St. Clair county, where he bought land and where he lived for several years. Then he went to Jefferson county, Illinois, in the early thirties; he got a farm there in Rome township, and settled on land which he purchased for one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. His

death occurred there in 1860, and his wife died in 1873. He held no offices, but was an old-line Whig and later a Republican. He was a member of the Baptist church, and she of the Methodist church. They were the parents of thirteen children, namely: Benjamin, James, Sarah A., Belle, George, Francis, Wesley, Mary J. Five children died in infancy.

The subject of this sketch attended the home schools, principally subscription schools. He remained at home until he was twenty years old, when he married on February 20, 1861, to Nancy Martin, a native of Bedford county, Tennessee, and a daughter of Willis and Jane (Stamper) Martin, both of Bedford, Tennessee. They grew up in that country, and were married there. They came to Jefferson county, Illinois, where Mr. Martin secured wild land and settled near Mt. Vernon. He was one of the brave "boys in blue," having enlisted in the One Hundred and Tenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He fell sick at Nashville, Tennessee, died and was buried in the National cemetery in 1863. His wife survived until 1893. Nine children were born to them, six of whom grew to maturity, namely: Nancy, William, Mary, James, John, Martha.

Fourteen children, nine of whom reached maturity, were born to the subject and wife as follows: William, a miller, living in Mt. Vernon, Illinois; Spencer is a miller at Walnut Hill, Illinois; Luther is a blacksmith at Mt. Vernon, Illinois; Ida is the wife of Zelter Patton, who is living in

Chester, Illinois; Mary married Joseph Root a farmer of Centralia township; Walter is a farmer in Raccoon township, this county; Flora married Irvin Smith and is living in Centralia township; Mettie is the wife of J. Smith, of Centralia township; Homer is a miller living at Shattuc, Illinois.

After his marriage Mr. Bates located near Mt. Vernon, Illinois, and took up farming, which he made a success of until he heard the call for brave sons to save the Union, consequently he enlisted in Company E, Eightieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, as as private, on August 25, 1862, at Mt. Vernon and was drilled at Centralia. His first engagement was at Perryville, Kentucky, on October 8, 1862, where he was wounded, having been shot through the left wrist. He was sent to the hospital at Louisville, Kentucky, where he remained for three months and was discharged on account of disability, much to his regret, for he desired to see further service and do what he could to help suppress the rebellion.

After his army experience he came home and worked at farming for several years. Then he engaged in the milling business at Dix, Jefferson county, Illinois. In 1875 he came to Walnut Hill, and bought an interest in the Walnut Hill Flour and Feed Mills, later he bought the entire plant and finally sold the mill in 1905. Since then he has devoted his time principally to farming. He purchased a farm of eighty acres in Raccoon township, and also other land, which he sold, but he still owns a small

place which is well cultivated. Mr. Bates has always been a hard worker and success has attended his efforts. He formerly voted the Republican ticket, but in late years has voted the Prohibition ticket. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at Walnut Hill, also a member of the Methodist church at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Bates are fine people and they enjoy the friendship of all their neighbors and extensive acquaintance owing to their good lives.

HORACE BRONSON.

Among the highly respected and influential citizens of Centralia township, Marion county, Illinois, is the subject of this sketch, whose long and active life has been one of usefulness and honor, a native of the great Empire state, which has sent so many of its best sons into the West. He has kept up the state's reputation for sterling citizenship and loyalty to the government.

Horace Bronson was born in Oneida county, New York, November 14, 1831, the son of Allen and Triphena (Hudson) Bronson, both natives of Chautauqua county, New York. Allen Bronson devoted his life to farming and in 1859 he came to Illinois, and located in Grundy county. He later went to Dennison, Iowa, and in 1893 went to Odell, Illinois, where he died in 1894, his wife having died in the state of New York. The subject's father married a second time, his last wife being Kate

Douglas, of New York state. She died in Grundy county, Illinois. Mr. Bronson was a loyal Republican and an influential man in his community. His wife was a member of the Methodist church. The following children were born to Allen Bronson by his first wife, namely: Horace, our subject; Jay was a soldier in the Civil war in the Seventy sixth New York Volunteer Infantry and located in Detroit after the war, where he engaged in business; Walter, a farmer at Pontiac, Illinois, served in the navy during the Civil war; James Gordon served in the Fourth Illinois Cavalry during the Civil war after which he located on a farm near Pontiac, Illinois, where he later died; William, a farmer at Odell, Illinois; Isaac, also a veteran of the Civil war, is a farmer at Odell, Illinois. The following children were born to the second marriage: Byron is in the United States Signal service, having been stationed in the West for many years; Fred is a conductor on the Burlington Railroad, located at Galesburg, Illinois; Charles is also a conductor on the Burlington at Galesburg.

The subject attended the home schools in his native community and remained a member of the family circle until 1852, when he went to California by water, where he worked at mining for four years, then went back to New York state and first married in 1856, Margaret Wright, of Utica, New York. She died May 14, 1871. His second wife was Ella Fitzgerald, a native of Centralia, Illinois. She died in 1875. He married a third time to Elizabeth Eberts,

of Camden, Ohio. The subject had three children by his first wife, namely: George, who is living in the West; Frank, an electrician in Chicago; Ellen is deceased. The subject had no children by his second wife, but four by his third wife, namely; Grant, a carpenter living at Centralia, Illinois, who married Mary Thurston, and they are the parents of one daughter, Mabel; Albert J. is living at home; Walter is also living at home; Horace is deceased.

In 1857 the subject came to Centralia, this state, and took up farming, which he made a success of until 1869 when he moved to Champaign, Illinois, where he farmed and raised broom corn with great success for a period of thirteen years, and in 1882 he came back to Centralia and located where he now lives, just south of the city of Centralia in section 30, where he owns thirty-six acres of valuable land, where he carries on fruit raising and farming. He also raises some stock.

The subject began making brooms in 1858 and has carried on the same, most of the time ever since. He and his sons have carried on this business in connection with other lines with uninterrupted success. They have no trouble in disposing of all the brooms they can make in the home market, for they are known to be a superior grade and are eagerly sought after.

Mr. Bronson has always been a staunch Republican and he takes much interest in all movements looking to the well being of his county. Mrs. Bronson is a member of the Christian church.

VERNE E. JOY.

Verne E. Joy was born at Carmi, Illinois, December 12, 1876. He was educated in the common schools, and after receiving a business education spent over three years in Germany, as United States Consular Agent at Selingen and Sonneberg. Mr. Joy became editor and publisher of the Centralia Evening and Weekly Sentinel on November 1, 1906, at the time of his father's retirement, who had spent a life-time in the business and had built up a splendid property in The Sentinels. Under the new management the papers assumed a new aspect, reflecting the former training of Mr. Joy on Denver, Pueblo and Colorado Springs papers in addition to his acquirement of the printing trade under his father. The Evening Sentinel was given a new style of make-up, wire service was added, illustrations secured and the paper has since appeared in eight page form instead of four. New machinery and equipment was installed and the paper has made a remarkable stride forward in circulation and advertising, until at present The Sentinel has the largest sworn afternoon circulation of any daily in Southern Illinois. This paper moved to its own new and well appointed building the last of October, 1908, where it has ample and commodious quarters and is now more than meeting the fondest expectations of its numerous patrons. It now occupies two floors, each one hundred and forty-seven feet long and has practically five thousand square feet of floor space.



F. P. MILLER.

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New machinery, new type and other modern appliances and accessories have been added throughout; a new linotype machine purchased, and it is now one of the most complete and up-to-date equipments for the publication of a newspaper in all Southern Illinois. The mechanical appearance of the paper is very attractive and in a small way equal to any metropolitan paper in the country, and in keeping with the paper's claim of being "Egypt's Greatest Daily." All kinds of job and other high class printing are done at The Sentinel office in a large and separate department.

FRANKLIN PIERCE MILLER.

No resident in Centralia township, Marion county, is deserving of specific mention in a book of this nature more than the subject of this sketch, owing to the fact that he has led a very industrious and honorable life, and is widely known as one of the leading fruit dealers in the Middle West.

Franklin Pierce Miller was born in Caledonia, Pulaski county, Illinois, October 23, 1852, the son of Henry and Catherine (Coover) Miller, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Maryland. Henry Miller, who grew up in North Carolina, was a farmer and he also engaged in real estate speculation. He located in Jonesboro, Union county, Illinois, in the early settlement of the county, and was one of the pioneers of that locality. His father was a

pioneer merchant there and also run a tannery. He was accustomed to take leather to St. Louis and trade for merchandise. The subject's grandfather Miller raised a large family and died in Union county, this state. The father of the subject had only a limited education, but he later devoted much time to home-study and became a well read man. He was a Democrat and took much interest in political affairs, a member of the German Reformed church, in which he took a great interest, while his wife was a member of the Lutheran church. The subject's mother had the first cook stove brought into Jonesboro and also owned one of the first sewing machines, which she operated for many years. Henry Miller passed away in 1872, at the age of fifty-seven years, and his wife survived until 1898. The following children were born to them: George, now deceased, having died at the age of fifty-seven years, married first a Miss Castleman, and his second wife was Addie Phillips. He died near Anna, Illinois. He was a teacher in early life, and later a commission merchant in Chicago. Andrew J., the second child, is deceased; he was a merchant at Cobden, Illinois, and married Allie Phillips; Alice, the third child, married Arthur Moss, who is deceased; she is living at Anna, Illinois; John, the fourth child, who was a merchant at Anna, Illinois, and who married Mollie Green, is deceased. Franklin Pierce, our subject, was the fifth child in order of birth. Mary married James N. Dickison, a merchant and a director of the First National Bank at Anna, Illinois. David Watson is

a grain and lumber dealer at Winnebago, Minnesota; Caleb Monroe lives at Anna, Illinois; he is a farmer and fruit grower in Southern Illinois. He owns about four hundred acres of fruit, all kinds of vegetables, devoting especial attention to asparagus growing. He owns the opera house block and other valuable real estate and is interested in the bank at Anna.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the home schools and remained a member of the family circle until he was nineteen years old, when he clerked in his brother's store at Cobden, Illinois, where he remained for one year and then went to Chicago, where he was engaged with his brother, George, in the commission business on South Water street for about eight years. He closed up that business and came to Centralia in 1889, and bought his present home. He first put out twenty acres of strawberries the first year and the next year ten acres more and later planted many apple and peach trees. He raises mostly small fruits, apples and Elberta peaches. He has been a fruit grower and dealer at Centralia on an extensive scale for the past twenty years, the firm name being F. P. Miller & Company, fruit dealers and brokers. They buy fruit from Texas, Missouri, Tennessee, Georgia and all of the southern states and their trade extends as far north as this county. They are the largest dealers in Illinois and are known throughout the country. Their offices are in the Merchants' State Bank building in Centralia. J. E. Hefter, of Centralia, is a partner in the firm.

They are known as "The Fruit Kings." Their business is a credit to this county and is of much importance in establishing in other states the prestige of the locality in commercial and horticultural lines.

The subject of this sketch built his modern and nicely furnished home in 1900 and his substantial and attractive barn in 1908.

Mr. Miller's happy domestic life began in July 8, 1885, when he was united in marriage with Laura Hoag, a native of Centralia, Illinois, the daughter of Peter and Carolina Hoag, natives of New York. They are both deceased. He was foreman of the blacksmith shop of the Illinois Central Railroad for forty years. Two bright children have added sunshine to the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, namely: Myrtle L., the wife of Robert Goodale, of Centralia, Illinois, where he is a wholesale manufacturer of ice cream. The second child of the subject is named Dwight Paul, who is at this writing attending Blees Military Academy at Macon, Missouri. He is a graduate of the Centralia high school.

In his fraternal relations the subject is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Queen City lodge, at Centralia, Illinois; also the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Woodmen. The family attends the Baptist church.

Mr. Miller started in life under none too favorable environment, but being ambitious and a man of industry, rare common sense and foresight, he has always prospered and today is ranked among the progressive and substantial citizens of Marion county, Il-

linois. He learned much in the way of being a general business man from his father, who was one of the well known men of industry in his day, having conducted a saw and grist-mill which were run by water-power with an old-style propeller saw. It was located on Mill creek, Union county. He also owned a large maple grove and made maple syrup and sugar.

CHARLES S. HUDDLESTON.

Dependent very largely upon his own resources from early youth, the subject of this sketch has attained to no insignificant position, and though he has encountered many obstacles, he has pressed steadily on and has won an eminent degree of success, and is today one of the foremost business men in Marion county, being the owner of a large marble and granite works in the thriving city of Centralia.

Charles S. Huddleston was born near Mt. Auburn, Kentucky, February 27, 1867, the son of George P. and Melinda (Pribble) Huddleston. Grandfather Huddleston was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Kentucky in an early day, where he spent the remainder of his life and where he died. He was a Confederate soldier and died from disease contracted while in the service. His wife died when about fifty-two years old. Their family consisted of nine children. Grandfather Pribble was a native of Pennsylvania, who moved to Illinois in 1882 and died the following year at the

age of sixty-five years. His wife died at the age of seventy-two years. They were the parents of four children and were members of the Christian church.

The father of our subject remained in Kentucky until he was forty years old, when he moved to Illinois in 1881. He was a soldier in the Eighteenth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry in the Union army. He was wounded and captured at the battle of Richmond, Kentucky, and was discharged on account of the wound, and he carried his arm in a sling for two years as a result of the same, the bone in the shoulder joint having been shattered with a bullet. His wound still gives him much pain and he draws a pension. He now makes his home with our subject. He holds to the faith of the Christian church. The mother of the subject passed to her rest when thirty-four years old, and was buried in the beautiful Mt. Auburn cemetery. She was also a faithful member of the Christian church. George P. Huddleston was a farmer and carpenter in his active life, having devoted twenty years to his trade with marked success. He had a brother, Charles I., who was also a soldier in the Union ranks, having enlisted from Kentucky and served through the war, having been with Sherman on his march to the sea. He came out of the war on a mule which he captured while on a foraging expedition and which he rode in the grand review at Washington. Another brother, John, also enlisted from Kentucky in the Union army, and another brother, Peter, was also in the Union service, having also been with Sherman and

served to the end of the war, receiving an honorable discharge. Lorenzo, another brother, was in the Federal ranks. He died soon after the close of the war.

The parents of the subject reared five children.

Charles S. Huddleston, our subject, first attended school in Kentucky, which state he left when fifteen years old and came to Illinois, in which state he went to the public schools for four or five winters. He had to walk nearly three miles each way to school. During this time and until he was twenty years old he worked on the farm, after which he served eleven years as a letterer and carver on marble and granite. After four years he became superintendent of the works, so efficient had his services been. He continued as superintendent for a period of seven years. Then the owner died and Mr. Huddleston was selected to close up the business, which he did in a most satisfactory manner and finally bought the business without the payment of one dollar, all being in time notes, which he paid when due and had the business clear of indebtedness. This was in 1901, and he has since conducted the works successfully. It is now the largest works of its character in this locality and is well patronized, yielding the owner a handsome income.

Mr. Huddleston was united in marriage in 1891 to Jennie Baldrige, who was born in Irvington, Illinois, the daughter of James and Lydia (Pitchford) Baldrige, a native of Illinois.

Three interesting children have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Neva,

born in 1892, is in her second year in high school in 1908; Ruby was born in 1895, is also in school; Nina, born in 1898, is in school.

In his fraternal relations our subject is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen, also a member of the United Commercial Travelers. The subject, wife and two oldest children are members of the Christian church. Mr. Huddleston is a charter member of the Young Men's Christian Association and still retains his membership in that society, which boasts of the second largest membership in the state. In politics he is a loyal Republican and is now filling his second term as Alderman from the Third ward of Centralia in a most able and praiseworthy manner.

BEN W. STORER.

Mr. Storer is one of those estimable characters whose integrity and strong personality must force them into an admirable place among the citizens of any community, who command the respect of their contemporaries and their posterity.

Ben W. Storer, the well known grocer, was born in Centralia, Illinois, July 19, 1868, the son of Samuel and Susan B. (Bates) Storer, and he has taken part in the development of his native village, which he has seen grow to a thriving city. The parents of our subject reared a family of five children, three boys and two girls, of whom Ben W. was the fourth in order of birth.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the Centralia public schools. He first began his business career in a grocery store, working for Barton & Stevenson, with whom he worked for two years, giving entire satisfaction. He then took a position with the R. D. Beaver Grocery Company, remaining in their employ for four years with equal success, when he engaged with Colonel Pittenger in the same business, continuing there for four years, building up an excellent trade, at the expiration of which time he embarked in the grocery business for himself. Having mastered all the details of this special line, his success from the first was assured, as time soon substantiated.

Our subject was united in marriage with Mabel Kerr, of Centralia, the daughter of the late J. N. Kerr, former editor of the Centralia Sentinel and Mayor of the city for several years, our subject's wife being the oldest member of the family. To Mr. and Mrs. Storer two bright and interesting sons have been born, namely: Wilson Bates and Ben Wade, Jr., both now in school.

Our subject is a member of Helmet Lodge, Knights of Pythias No. 26, of Centralia. In politics he is a loyal Republican, and religiously he was reared a Presbyterian.

In 1892 our subject began business at 114 East Broadway, having here launched successfully a grocery store, which steadily grew in its volume of business, until now his store is known throughout the community, his trade extending all over the city and to all parts of the county. He has a neat, up-to-date store and carries a full line of fancy

groceries, canned goods, fruits and vegetables of all kinds in season. He employs eight clerks and runs three wagons. His trade is very largely among the best class of people of Centralia, where he is known to all classes as a man of honest principles.

W. B. GOODALE.

W. B. Goodale was born in Centralia, Marion county, August 17, 1855, the son of William and Mary (Sherwood) Goodale, who were the parents of five children, four boys and one girl, of whom our subject was the fourth in order of birth. He bears the distinction of being the first white male child born in Centralia. The parents of our subject were Eastern people. They both passed away when our subject was about thirteen years of age. W. B. Goodale received his early education in Centralia. When in his "teens" he went to work for the Illinois Central Railroad Company, learning the machinist's trade, at which he worked, giving entire satisfaction, with this company for a period of fourteen years, at the expiration of which time he had accumulated sufficient money to buy a fruit farm near the city, and for the next fifteen years he applied his skill and industry to raising small fruits of all kinds with great success, when he sold his farm and began the manufacture of ice cream, having purchased an interest in a plant in 1901. At that time the yearly output of the plant was very small, but un-

der the efficient management of our subject the capacity was gradually increased as trade poured in from all sides until now the output is fifteen times greater than formerly.

The plant has been thoroughly remodeled in every way, having all the latest equipment for the business, is thoroughly sanitary and always kept very clean. The product of this well known plant is shipped to over fifty cities and towns throughout Southern Illinois. The cream is bought from Elgin and Chicago markets and the milk is obtained from the dairymen in and about Centralia.

The plant proper is forty by seventy-five feet. All milk and cream is here thoroughly pasteurized by the most complete process. It is the only firm in the city that carries the state inspector's certificate, being up to the standard required by the state. This firm also manufacture all their own ice and cold storage, and recently purchased the factory and equipment of the Mt. Vernon Ice Cream Company.

W. B. Goodale was united in marriage to Mary E. Wild on October 27, 1881. She is the daughter of Samuel and Ann Wild, one of the old English families of Centralia. The wife of the subject is the oldest of three girls in the Wild family. One son has blessed the home of our subject and wife, named Robert W., who is a full partner with his father in business and a young man of great ability and promise of a future replete with happiness and success. Robert W. Goodale married Myrtle Miller on January 9, 1907. She is the only daughter of

Frank and Laura (Hoag) Miller, the father of Mrs. Goodale being a prominent fruit grower and commission merchant of Centralia. Robert W. Goodale is regarded by all who know him as a thoroughly modern business man and one of the rising young men of Centralia. His education, natural ability and commendable qualities have well fitted him for an active and thorough business career.

In politics both our subject and his son vote for the character of the man rather than the party, although they are sometimes counted upon as being Democrats, especially in national issues. Religiously they are Baptists. Both father and son are thorough, practical men in every respect. W. B. Goodale in former years was a member of the United Workmen. Robert is a member of the Modern Woodmen lodge at Centralia.

ROBERT ROHL.

Conspicuous among the representative citizens and progressive business men of Marion county, Illinois, is the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this article, who has by his great industry, wise economy and sound judgment developed a good business.

Robert Rohl was born in Marquette, Michigan, January 14, 1856, the son of Carl and Caroline (Weiland) Rohl, both natives of Germany, the father having come from Prussia and the mother from Wur-

temburg. They both came to America when young and were married in Marquette, Michigan. They were the parents of nine children, of whom our subject is the oldest child of the four now living. His younger brother, August, lives in Centralia.

Robert Rohl's early life was spent in Marquette, Michigan, where he acquired his education. While yet a boy he began clerking in a hardware store, where he gave entire satisfaction to his employer for three years. He afterward worked at odd jobs, such as carrying hod, stone and brick mason work, mixed mortar and did general, all-around work on brick, stone and frame building construction. After two years of this kind of hustling he went to Minnesota, where he worked on a farm for five years in the summer and during the winter months cut cordwood and sold pumps. Then he returned to Marquette, Michigan, and went to work in the powder mills, making black powder, having worked there for one year, at the end of which time he and his younger brother, August, conducted a beer bottling plant in that city, which they successfully conducted for six months, when our subject bought August's interests in the business and continued it for four years from 1881 to 1886. While in this business he added soda water, bottling and supply trade to his already large business. He then sold his business in Marquette and came to Centralia and began in the same business, where he bought out Mr. Hayes in 1886, and has since continued with marked success, his business being located at 117 North Oak street. He paid fifteen hun-

dred dollars for the plant and has so increased the trade and the value of the plant until it is now worth several times that amount. His goods are shipped to the whole surrounding country, throughout Southern Illinois, and new territory is constantly being added, for the superior quality of his goods is recognized by all, and new customers are constantly coming to him. Mr. Rohl now carries about thirty towns on his shipping list and does a general carbonated soda water, ginger ale and all sorts of temperance drink business, also wholesale and retail, for beers, bar supplies and soda water fountains.

Our subject was married to Anna Stabler in May, 1881, and four children have been born to this union, namely: Thersa, Anna, Caroline and Robert, Jr. Anna married George F. Hails, of Centralia, a switchman on the Illinois Central Railroad.

In politics our subject is a Republican, and religiously he was reared a Protestant. He has always taken a great interest in local political affairs and his political friends honored him by electing him Mayor of Centralia, his term extending from 1901 to 1903. He was Alderman of the Fourth Ward for two terms. During his incumbency in these positions the city was carefully looked after and many public interests promulgated, so that his record was one of which anyone might well be proud.

Mr. Rohl in his fraternal relations is a member of Helmet lodge, Knights of Pythias, also the Red Men and Pocahontas. He belongs to the Turners, also the United Commercial Travelers. He is a member of the

Travelers' Protective Association, and was secretary and treasurer for four years of the United Commercial Travelers. He was chosen president of the Illinois State Bottlers' Protective Association for two years. He was a state delegate to the convention of the National Bottlers' Protective Association, held in Denver in 1907.

The subject's father is still living at Marquette, Michigan, at the age of eighty-two years. His step-mother is also living at the same age. Our subject's mother died when forty years old. Grandfather Rohl died in Germany at the advanced age of ninety-six years, and his maternal grandfather died at the age of seventy-eight years.

EDWIN L. WATTS.

The subject of this sketch is recognized as one of the leading citizens of Centralia, where he is known by all as a business man of unusual ability, a man of progressive ideas and at all times ready to do his part in furthering any interest for the public good.

Edwin L. Watts was born in Clinton county, five miles west of Centralia, on a farm, November 11, 1873, the son of William M. and Martha (Short) Watts, both natives of Illinois, in whose family there were five children, two boys and three girls, Edwin L., our subject, being the youngest in order of birth.

Our subject received his early education

in the common schools of his native community, having applied himself in a careful manner and gained a good education which has later been added to by home reading, and by coming in contact with the world. He devoted his life to farming up to 1904, having been prosperous at this line of work, laying up from year to year a competence and making a comfortable living. But believing that larger interests were to be found in Centralia, he came to this city and entered the livery business in which he was very successful for a period of two years, at the end of which he went into the implement business, having been associated with J. D. Breeze since 1906, the firm being Breeze & Watts, their well known place of business being 321 South Locust street, Centralia. They handle a full line of implements, vehicles, harness, buggies, wagons, drills, seeders, corn shellers and they deal in general stock on a large scale. Their store is always filled with customers and is one of the busiest places of its kind in Centralia. Before coming to Centralia, our subject served as Assessor of Raccoon township in a very creditable and acceptable manner for one year, during which time the interests of the township were as carefully looked after as if they had been his individual business.

Mr. Watts was united in marriage to Mary Patton, November 20, 1895. She is the daughter of T. A. and Lena (Smith) Patton, a well known and influential family of this county.

Mr. Watts' comfortable and cheerful home has been brightened by the presence

of the following children: William R., Lenna F., Ruby R., all bright children and making good grades in the local schools.

Mr. Watts is a genial and most companionable gentleman and has many warm and admiring friends among the residents of his adopted city as well as in the township where he lived so long, and the high regard in which he is held not only in business but socially indicates the possession of attributes and characteristics that fully entitle him to the respect and consideration of his fellow men.

TRUMAN B. ANDREWS.

Characterized by breadth of wisdom and strong individuality, the achievements of the subject of this sketch but represent the utilization of innate talent in directing energies along lines in which mature judgment and a resourcefulness that hesitates at no opposing circumstances, pave the way and ultimately lead to achievement.

Truman B. Andrews was born in Jefferson county, Illinois, September 25, 1852, the son of Seymour and Martha (Henderson) Andrews, who were the parents of ten children, the subject of this sketch being the third in order of birth. When about four years of age he went to Warren county, Illinois, with his parents, where he remained until ten years of age, then moved to Centralia, where he has since remained. Having been identified with the growth of the community and taking a prominent part in its development for a period of over forty-six

years at this writing, 1908. He received his schooling in the Centralia common and high schools. Following in the footsteps of his father, he decided to become a merchant, and when he left school he began clerking for his father and later became bookkeeper, with whom he remained assisting in building up a fine trade in the dry goods and clothing business until his father retired about 1890. Truman then went with the firm of G. L. Pittenger, who conducted a grocery store, remaining with the same for four years with his usual success. He then went to work for the Pittenger & Daves Mining and Manufacturing Company, as their assistant secretary in the office work of this extensive enterprise, with which he was identified for six years, giving high class service in every respect. Mr. Andrews then worked in the Centralia Mining and Manufacturing Company, which is operated by the same people as their secretary, remaining as such for seven years, or until they retired from active business. He continued to work for the firm that succeeded them remaining until he bought an interest in the firm of Gillett & Company, clothiers and gents' furnishers. They manage a big and well stocked store and Mr. Andrews is to be found here daily ready to wait upon his scores of customers who know that they will here receive the most courteous consideration and always receive the full value of their money. The stock is kept well up-to-date and is carefully selected at all seasons. This store is one of the most tastefully arranged and neatly kept of any in Southern Illinois and customers are al-

ways pleased to visit it where they are made to feel at ease.

The domestic life of the subject of this sketch dates from December 17, 1874, when he was married to Amanda J. McClelland, daughter of John and Margaret McClelland, of Marion county, a well known and influential family. To this union three interesting children have been born, namely: Hallie, Lois and Cinnie. Hallie married Bessie Robinett, of Columbia, this state, and they are the parents of one son, Raymond, born in 1904. Hallie Andrews is firing an engine on the Illinois Central Railroad. Lois is married to L. R. Porter, a blacksmith on the Illinois Central Railroad, of Centralia, and they are the parents of two children, one boy, Emmett, born in 1905, and one girl, Lorena, who is one year old in 1908. Cinnie, the subject's third child, married George Green, of Centralia, where he is engaged in the barber business.

In politics our subject is a supporter of Republican issues. He is a member of the Christian church, having been a deacon for a period of fifteen years, and is also a trustee of the same. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the Modern Woodmen, No. 397; the Knights of Pythias, No. 26; also a charter member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, having served in many of the chairs of the last two lodges. Mr. Andrews was Township Public School Treasurer for twenty years, being still in this position. He is greatly interested in educational matters and has always done what he could to further the interests of the local schools. He also faithfully served as Town

Clerk of Centralia for a period of six years. He has also been a member of the Centralia City Fire Department for over twenty-five years, having frequently hazarded his life day and night in order to save property.

HON. D. W. HOLSTLAW.

Few names in Marion county are as widely known and as highly honored as the one which appears at the head of this review. For many years as a farmer, banker and prominent business man, D. W. Holstlaw has ranked and also occupies a conspicuous place in business and state. On both sides of his family Mr. Holstlaw springs from sturdy antecedents and he has every reason to be proud of his forbears. His father, Daniel S. Holstlaw, was a stock dealer and farmer, being a native of Kentucky and widely known and highly esteemed citizen. He became a resident of this county about 1830, settling in Stevenson township, where in due time he accumulated a large and valuable estate and achieved much more than local reputation as breeder and dealer in live stock, besides attaining an honorable standing as a public spirited citizen and enterprising man of affairs. Daniel S. Holstlaw did much to promote the material progress of the section of country in which he lived, and was equally interested in the social and moral advancement of the community, doing all within his power to benefit his neighbors and fellow citizens, and leaving to them the memory of a useful life and an honorable name when called from the